



CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE



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New Road Board appoints officers

by Caleb Casey

Staff Writer

Following the removal of both Road Commission Board officers two weeks ago, one of the new board's first items of business at last Thursday's regular board meeting was to assign new officers.

The previous Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Ray Swiercz and Robert Nelson, were removed from office by the County Board of Commissioners two weeks ago due to Open Meetings Act issues.

Nelson had served on the Road Commission Board for seven years, since January 1, 1993. Swiercz had been a Road Commissioner since May 18, 1995.

Road Board audit good

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Road Commission auditor Bob Carpenter presented the Board with the annual audit/financial report last Thursday, going over the document page by page and explaining the contents for the benefit of the Road Board members.

Carpenter reported favorable conditions of the Road Commission's fiscal year '98-99 (October 1-September 30).

"Things have been going well," said Carpenter. "Financially it was a very good year for the Road Commission. You have money here to do some road work, and that's what you're here to do."

Carpenter noted that a good economy and low gas prices last year resulted in an increase in revenue for the Road Commission.

The current fiscal year, however, may not be as favorable due to escalated gas prices, which could result in less travel by motorists and thus less revenue brought in through gasoline sales, he said.

Carpenter, longtime auditor for the Road Commission for Crawford County, also noted that the auditing process went well this year and he has continued to work well with the Road Commission's office staff.

"Things seem to be going along quite well," said Carpenter.

Bennett chosen as Citizen of the Year

As part of the evening of festivities at the annual Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce \$10,000 Raffle Dinner, the Citizen of the Year is announced and honored before his or her peers.

This year, on January 22, Betty Bennett was chosen from a pool of seven nominations received by the Chamber of Commerce to receive the honor. Bennett was nominated by her boss, Crawford County Treasurer Joe Wakeley, to recognize her professionalism and courtesy to her customers at the County Building. He also wanted to honor her for her community service over the years through the Grayling Promotional Association and her many memorable works of poetry she has written in honor of many other people, for various honors, throughout the community and throughout the years.

Photo by Cheryll Ruley



Downhill sliders may be ticketed

The Grayling Police Department would like to warn residents of the danger in sliding down the hill on Ottawa Street, between Park and Elm Streets.

People sliding out into the street are in danger of being hit by motor vehicles. In addition, anyone caught sliding down the hill would be in violation of City Ordinance #4, said Police Chief Karl A. Schreiner, and they may be considered trespassing as well.

Residents are being asked to refrain from using this hill.

Snowmobile patrol has busy day

by Cheryll Ruley

Staff Writer

When snow comes to northern Michigan, it is inevitable that snowmobilers will soon follow. Last weekend was one of the busiest this season for traffic on local snowmobile trails and that kept the Crawford County Sheriff's Department Snowmobile Patrol very busy.

On Saturday alone the patrol responded to five accidents involving snowmobiles. Luckily no one died as a result. The patrol also assisted with a toboggan accident.

At about 1 p.m. on January 22 the patrol received word of an accident involving one machine on the

Grayling/Lovells Connector trail.

Elizabeth Hite, of Williamson, West Virginia, told Sheriff's deputies that while she was riding, she hit a patch of ice, slid into a snowbank and tipped her snowmobile over.

Hite received no injuries in the accident, however her 1999 Arctic Cat was moderately damaged. Hite said she and a friend were in the Grayling area for a weekend of snowmobiling fun.

At about 1:23 p.m. a 911 caller stated to a Central Dispatch operator a tobogganist had gone off course, struck a tree and was seriously injured. The accident happened near M-18 and Rock Road in

South Branch Township.

Along with Snowmobile Patrol Deputies, the South Branch Township Fire and Rescue and North Flight Emergency Medical Services personnel responded to the

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High school improvement campaign begins again

by Cheryll Ruley

Staff Writer

On Monday, January 17, Grayling High School students began school at the usual 8:15 a.m. start time. Less than an hour later, students were boarding buses and heading to the parking lot because the heating system failed.

Superintendent Kent Reynolds said this kind of thing wouldn't occur if the high school was equipped with two boilers as other schools in the district employ. Another mark in favor of at least one of two bond proposals the Crawford AuSable School Board is gearing up to present to the voters June 12.

A new heating and ventilation system would mean at least two boilers. When one fails to operate correctly, as happened on Monday, another boiler would kick in and help make up the difference, keep-

Medallion Hunt for \$650 in prizes begins Monday

The 2000 Winter Fun Days Festival Medallion Hunt will start Monday morning, January 31. Listen to radio stations WGRY and WQON for specific times. Successful hunters will also scan the Crawford County Avalanche for some "help."

Approximately \$650 in prizes awaits the lucky hunters wise enough to decipher the cryptic clues. With 12 small medallions hidden somewhere in Crawford County, the people will be \$30 to \$75 (in gift certificates) richer by the end of the hunt.

Two clues will be given each day up to Thursday evening, February 10, and will lead hunters to the small medallions and, eventually, to the big medallion.

The finder of the big medallion will be presented a gift certificate for a Hanson Hills Family Learn to Ski Package, worth \$258. The presentation will be made during Business After Hours at 7 p.m. on Friday, February 11 at Hanson Hills.

The Hanson Hills Recreation Area will have a list of up-to-date clues available during their normal business hours. Anyone finding a small medallion must turn it in to the Hanson Hills business office within 48 hours of the revealing clue and receive their gift certificate from a local business.

Only one small medallion per family, please. If you have found one, let someone else

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Crawford County Clerk Sandra Moore administers the oath of office to John Hartman, newly appointed board member of the Road Commission for Crawford County.

by Cheryll Ruley

Staff Writer

Less than a week after the Crawford County Board of Commissioners removed two Road Board members for violations of Michigan's Open Meetings Act, South Branch Township resident John Hartman was appointed to fill one of the empty seats.

"We have to make sure that our actions don't stop the Road Commission from carrying out their normal business and duties," said County Chair Lynette Corlew.

Corlew said the Board received a legal opinion stating one Road

Commissioner may not constitute a quorum. The Board was concerned the Road Commission would not be able to pay the expense vouchers and carry out normal business at their January 20 meeting without a quorum, and agreed an immediate appointment was necessary.

The County Board reviewed the applications of the remaining five citizens -- who made the final cut after interviews -- when William Gannon's seat opened due to his resignation last October. Applications are kept on file in the County Clerk's office for one year.

Hartman served for six years on

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Grayling City Hall and the Grayling City Police Department will be moving into their temporary offices on Tuesday, February 1st. The new address is 5688 West M-72, Grayling, MI 49738 in the old Century 21 building. All phone numbers will remain the same.



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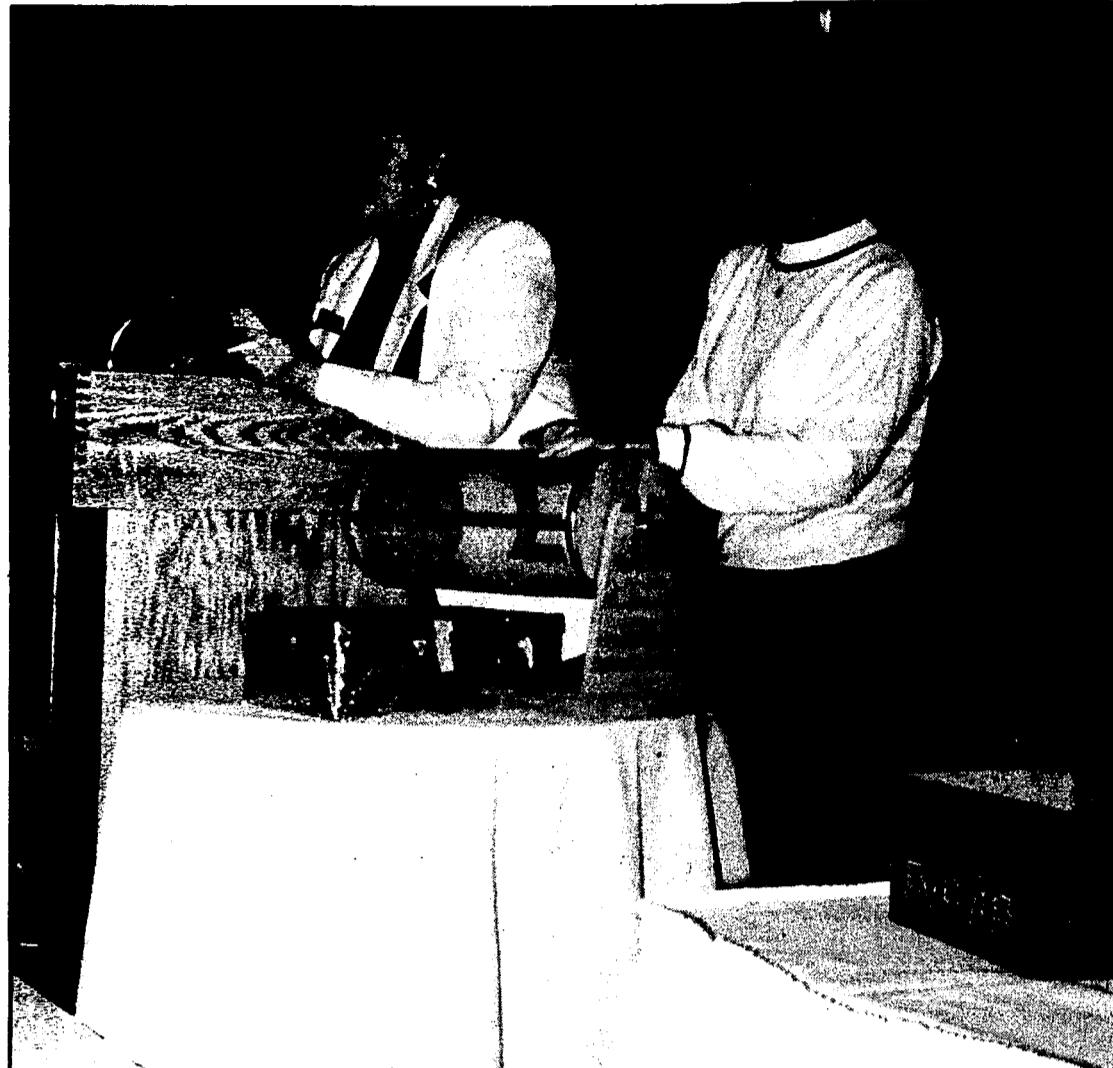
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Excitement at raffle ends with no-show winner

1999 Chamber of Commerce \$10,000 Raffle winner Janet Raymond (right) smiles after drawing the last ticket out of the hopper, as Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Director Lynn McConnell (at podium) reads off the name of Roger Thompson, of Traverse City, as this year's grand prize winner. What's missing from this picture? Mr. Thompson was not present when his ticket was drawn and could not be reached for comment on his big win. The final five tickets were held by The Hannans, Grayling Family Practice Clinic, Ernie Dawson, Kalkaska County Sheriff Jerry Cannon and Roger Thompson. The winner heads up Empire National Bank's Mortgage Department. Last reports put him somewhere in Florida.

Photo by Cheryl Ruley



KCC announces college president candidate

Charles D. Rorie, Ph.D., former Provost Valle Verde Campus, El Paso Community College, El Paso, TX, will be recommended by a Kirtland Community College Board of Trustees selection committee to be the next President of the College.

The selection committee returned January 23 from a trip to El Paso where it spent three days interviewing Rorie's former co-workers, employer, and members of the community.

Pending receipt of additional

information, the committee will recommend Rorie's selection at the Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday, February 10. The recommendation comes after a nationwide search of more than four months and a review of more than 57 candidates, including five finalists for the position.

Kenneth Roberts, Chairman of the Kirtland Board of Trustees, and a member of the selection committee, said "We're pleased with our decision to recommend Dr. Rorie. Everyone we talked to in El Paso spoke very highly of him. He has integrity, outstanding credentials and great leadership skills."

If approved by the Board, Rorie will succeed Kirtland President Dorothy N. Franke, Ph.D., who retired in October, 1999. He would begin his duties on February 15.

In the most recent past, Dr. Rorie served as Provost (Chief Executive Officer) at the Valle Verde Campus of El Paso Community College since 1995. He was Executive Dean (CEO) of El Paso's Rio Grande Campus from 1993-1995.

From 1986-1993 he was Vice President for Instruction and Educational Services at Elgin Community College, Elgin, IL. From 1982-1986 he served as Dean of the College for Dyersburg State Community College, Dyersburg, TN.

Dr. Rorie received his Associate degree in Liberal Arts from Tyler Junior College, his Bachelor of Arts degree in English and History from Sam Houston State University, his Master of Science degree in Counseling Psychology and English from Texas A&M University, and his Doctor of Philosophy degree in

Community College Administration from the University of Texas.

Help needy while shedding pounds

Want to shed those holiday pounds while helping to feed the needy of Crawford County? Sign up and weigh in for the 1st Annual Care for Pounds at Hard Bodyz Health & Fitness Center, before February 1, then donate \$1 or one pound of food to the Christian Help Center for every pound you lose before May 1. You need not be a member of Hard Bodyz to participate. Organizers encourage groups, businesses, and individuals to join in the healthy fun. For more information, call Shirley Schmoeck at 348-5132.

Snowmobile patrol has busy day

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scene. The rescuers found John Pitcher of Sebewaing approximately one half mile into the woods.

Details of his injuries were not available, but were serious enough to transport Pitcher by South Branch Township ambulance to Grayling Mercy Hospital. He was later transferred to a Saginaw hospital.

Then, at about 2 p.m., the patrol responded to a head-on snowmobile accident on the Blue Bear/Frederic Loop trail, just south of Frederic.

Deputies reported that Christopher Bridgeman of Almont crossed the center line of the trail and collided with Randy Aleshire of Lansing.

Bridgeman received no injuries, but Aleshire sustained injuries to his right shoulder and was transported by Frederic Fire Department personnel to Mercy Hospital.

The Sheriff's Department issued a citation to Bridgeman for operation of a snowmobile in a careless manner.

Less than one half hour after the Frederic accident, at about 2:23 p.m., the patrol received word of another snowmobile accident, this time in Beaver Creek Township.

Jessie Dean Farmer of Canton apparently lost control of his snowmobile, rolled the machine, then struck a road end abutment.

North Flight EMS transported Farmer to Mercy Hospital where he was treated for several injuries.

Joseph Tylenda waited until 3 p.m. on Saturday to report his midnight encounter with a deer on Lewiston Grade Road. Tylenda placed his call from the North Point Motel in Grayling.

When Snowmobile Patrol Deputies arrived, Tylenda reported he had been riding his machine

around 12 a.m. when a deer jumped in front of him. He rolled the snowmobile after swerving to avoid the whitetail and hit a tree.

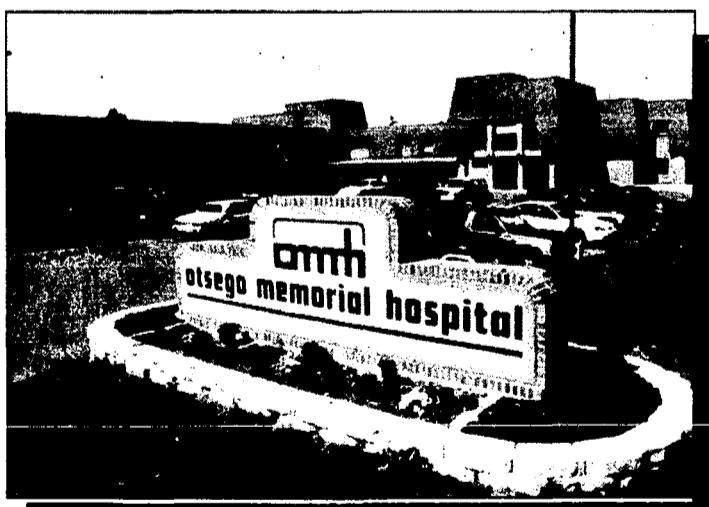
While Tylenda received only minor injuries, his snowmobile was heavily damaged.

Finally, at about 10:35 p.m., Snowmobile Patrol Deputies arrested a down-state woman for drinking and driving a snowmobile.

The patrol was on a general snowmobile assist when the woman lost control of her machine and overturned it in the parking lot of a local business near M-72 West and M-93 (Old Dam Road).

The snowmobile received minor damage and the woman was uninjured, but the officers issued tickets for Operating Under the Influence (OUIL) and an Unlawful Blood Alcohol Level (UBAL). The snowmobiler was then taken to the Crawford County Jail for lodging.

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Coe announces candidacy for Sheriff

Crawford County Deputy Timothy G. Coe, of Grayling, has announced he will seek the Republican nomination for sheriff in the August 8 primary.

Coe has 30 years of experience in law enforcement and began his career when he served for nearly three years in the military police during the Vietnam era.

He has a college degree in Law Enforcement Administration and has served the residents of Crawford County for over 17 years. Additionally, Coe has worked in command positions, as a road officer and as the administrator of the marine patrol. He is a Michigan certified police officer and has attended numerous in-service schools. Coe has advanced training in scuba diving and was a scuba instructor for many years.

Coe is active in the local community and other professional organizations. He is a member of the Grayling Kiwanis Club and is active in the Deputy Sheriff's Association of Michigan. He has devoted him-

self to working with kids by serving as an adult leader to the local scouting programs and has been the organizer of the Junior Deputy program for Grayling and Frederic Elementary schools.

Coe and his wife, Patti, live in Grayling with his stepdaughter, Heidi Niederer, 17, and eight-year old twins Sean and Molli Coe. His stepson, Paul Niederer, 20, attends Northern Michigan University in Marquette.

In his free time, Deputy Coe enjoys photography, historical research (especially related to law enforcement), and scuba diving. He has recently begun a project of restoring a 1950 Ford sedan to an old-time police car, which he hopes to occasionally donate for use in local festivals, fairs, and parades.

A second generation deputy, Coe said he has enjoyed his chosen career in law enforcement and is ready to bring his many years of experience to the citizens of Crawford County.

"I believe the sheriff is responsi-



Deputy Timothy G. Coe

ble for professional and courteous police services," said Coe. "This can best be accomplished through a

strong partnership with the community and a focus on basic police practices."

High school campaign begins again

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ing the school warm and open. The School Board will hold a public meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 31 at Grayling High School for the purpose of discussing the component parts of the two bond proposals.

The Board is seeking campaign supporters and volunteers willing to work diligently toward a successful

end.

Proposal I covers the addition of five classrooms and renovation of others, replacement of the heating / air conditioning system, and construction of a new cafeteria and kitchen. This proposal will cost the district's taxpayer an assessment of an additional 1.25 mills if approved or \$13,370,000.

Proposal II will cost taxpayers an additional .5 mil or \$2,500,000 covering additions and renovations of the high school's gymnasium and the re-configuration of access points.

While Board members are looking for support toward achieving high school improvement, Reynolds said the meeting will also be helpful to those with questions concerning the proposals.

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Because of the dramatic increase in the use of fax machines, computers connected to the Internet and new phone customers, areas in Michigan will be assigned the new area code 989, beginning August 1, 2000. This includes Grayling. Look for more details next week in *The Avalanche*.

Medallion Hunt for \$650 in prizes begins Monday

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have the fun of finding the other one.

Businesses donating the gift certificates are: \$30 each from Buccilli's Pizza, Davis Jewelers, Holiday Inn, J. Dap Co., Moore's Automotive, Riverland Gear, Sears, Skip's Sport Shop, and Upper Lakes Tires. 7-Eleven donated 30 Super Big Gulps. Cartwright & Danewell donated a \$40 gift certificate and Blockbuster Video donated 50 movie rentals worth \$74.50.

Also sponsoring the hunt is Sylvester's Sport Shop.

There is no entry fee to join in the

hunt. The medallions are hidden on public property somewhere in Crawford County. They are not buried beneath the ground. They might be under something, over something, wedged or tied to an object. They might be right next to a road, or you may have to get out and walk.

No dangerous stunts, such as climbing towers, diving into the river, walking on thin lake ice, or going into culverts are required to find a medallion, but please use caution wherever you travel.

The small medallions are about the size of a quarter and each are

marked with the name of one of the donating businesses. The big medallion is about the same diameter as that of a softball and is engraved with the words "Grand Prize Winner." Anyone finding the grand prize medallion should contact Hanson Hills right away.

A lot of time and effort has been put into this year's hunt, and all hunters are asked to show good sportsmanship by not cheating and causing the hunt to be cancelled, as was the case seven years ago.

Please honor the finder of a medallion by not yanking it out of their hands, and do not give other

medallions to close family members. Remember, "do not be greedy," and help keep the hunt alive.

Good luck and happy trails to you. Oh, by the way... you might want to study up on your Civil War History.

Democrats urged to participate in caucus

Michigan Democrats who want their primary vote to count should skip the February 22 statewide "beauty contest" primary and vote either by mail or in person at their local county caucuses on March 11. Rep. Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) said last week.

In order to aid that effort, Stupak said he will make vote-by-mail applications available through his Menominee campaign office. Individuals interested in obtaining an application can call and leave a request at (906) 863-2800.

"The statewide primary is non-binding, and the ballots do not contain the names of presidential candidates Al Gore or Bill Bradley," Stupak said.

"I encourage people to vote by mail or attend the local Democratic Party caucuses being held in each county on Saturday, March 11,

because this is the only way that delegates from Michigan to the national convention in support of a particular candidate will be determined.

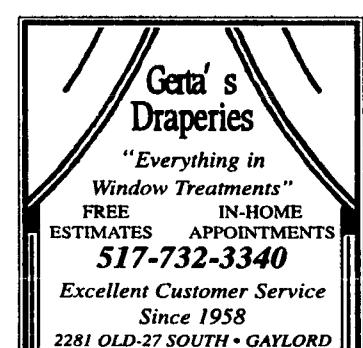
"For example, if after the vote-by-mail and the county caucus votes are counted and there are 20 votes for Al Gore and 20 votes for Bill Bradley, the delegate support from that county will be equally apportioned between the two candidates."

Stupak said each county will advertise where its county caucus will be held. Residents can then either show up in person to cast a vote, or vote by mail prior to March 11.

Applications to vote by mail are also available through county Democratic Party organizations or by writing the Michigan Democratic Party, 606 Townsend, Lansing, MI 48933 or by calling the

party at (517) 371-5410. The application to vote by mail must be returned to the Michigan Democratic Party by 5 p.m., March 3.

"Many residents sit and wait for the results of polls and other primaries to determine the final candidate for president," Stupak said. "I encourage them to get involved at the grass-roots level in this most important selection process."



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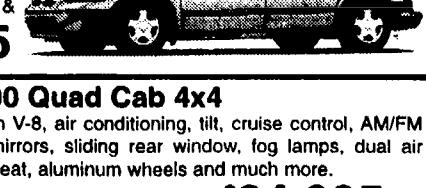


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by Richard Milliman

Gov. Engler not ready to stand still

EVEN AFTER ten years in office, Gov. John Engler shows no indication of heading for political pasture.

His annual State of the State message contains some pro-active plans for Michigan, especially for education and tax cuts.

His speech ran less than an hour, including applause breaks. The speaking style showed some improvement, but Gov. Engler is still no challenge as an orator to presidential contender Alan Keyes, for example.

Details of the Engler proposals will be presented to the legislature once they are worked out, and the give and take of legislative process — with input from affected groups and individuals — will help shape the final product.

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IT'S SAFE to predict Michigan this year will see more tax cuts of one sort or another, and more money and new programs for local education.

Gov. Engler, for example, proposed a

\$6,500 floor in tax support for each Michigan school child, up about \$800 from the present level.

He also proposed a \$50,000 prize for every elementary school which shows significant progress in scores on state mandated testing. This one comes across as a relative bauble, but the idea is interesting.

It's amazing what you can dream up if you have money to spend, and Michigan's governmental surpluses — plus a couple honey pots called the rainy day fund and the tobacco settlement — produce an irresistible yen for government leaders to spend more and levy less.

That's also a pretty good political formula, too.

There's a lot at stake in Michigan's election this year. As starters, Michigan voters hold an important influence on the presidential race, will have a hand in control of the U.S. Congress through a few key congressional races and tough U.S. Senate race,

will dictate control of the Michigan legislature and the balance on the Michigan Supreme Court.

What a glorious time it is for elected state officials to be able to cut taxes and to spend public money.

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BOUND TO STIR strong emotions again is the Engler mandate to lift the cap on charter schools.

The governor lost this battle a few months ago when a handful of education-related Republican legislators left the Engler ship, at least temporarily.

But John Engler is like a GOP elephant: he never forgets either. The cap must go, he demanded. So the issue is back, front and center, with emotions not lowered noticeably.

Most local educators quiver at the possibility of a wide open field for charter schools, or even a significant increase in their number.

Every student who leaves his/her home district for a charter school is money lost to that public school district.

State aid is based largely on the number of students who happen to be in a public school on a particular day. The more students in school, the more state money is shoveled into the local district.

And how can school folks improve the local education program with fewer dollars? Ah ... that's the quandary.

Meanwhile, backers of school vouchers seeking state money for non-public local schools are ratcheting up their signature collection drive to get the question on the November ballot.

All in all, this should be a decidedly education year in Michigan.

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MICHIGAN PRIMARY — Remember when Michigan decision-makers battled to move Michigan into the forefront of the presidential primary field?

Why let New Hampshire and Iowa have all the glory and the money that flows into those states because of their early voting?

Let's get some of that money here in Michigan that was the official line.

So the Democratic caucuses and Republican primary were moved up to the third week in February — but where's all that new outside money that was supposed to follow the campaigns in Michigan?

The only areas where new campaign money seems evident is in television advertising. Everyone who owns a TV station in Michigan must be raking in the loot.

Already there's political advertising glut on the screen and the election is still almost 10 months away.

Can we stand it until November?

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

VIEWPOINT

by Crawford County Sheriff David G. Lovely

I stated in a previous Viewpoint that I would update the citizens on the issues of the Sheriff's Office. This article will endeavor to explain personnel and hours of work at the Sheriff's Office.

Once again, we have all made it through the New Year without incident. Not much happened with Y2K, as I expected, due to prior planning and purchasing of new equipment.

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Director Larry Akers put in an enormous amount of time and effort attending meetings, inside and outside this jurisdiction, to ensure the safest possible transition.

I also attended several meetings and was involved in a variety of planning with Director Akers to ensure the safety of Crawford County residents, should anything occur.

I believe the planning and upgrades to the Sheriff's Office, jail computers and management system through diligent grant writing, allowed us this smooth transition.

I will say that I appreciate the time and efforts of emergency personnel, my office personnel and all others that aided in the safe beginning of this new millennium.

The Sheriff's Office employs nine corrections officers, seven road deputies, one detective, one D.A.R.E. officer, one Grayling Township officer, one juvenile prevention officer, one juvenile court liaison officer, two secretaries, one undersheriff and one sheriff for a total of 25 full time personnel. Depending on the season, we employ three to six part time employees.

During normal working days (no sick, personal or vacation time) the Sheriff's Office has one patrol officer on duty from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and two to three patrol officers from noon to midnight. The jail requires two to three officers per shift to safely operate the cellblock. When the third corrections officer is avail-

able that officer usually works in court or has administration duties to accomplish.

General Sheriff's Office duties include road patrol, i.e. handling your calls for service, traffic policing, criminal investigations, court security (which could be three courts at once), transporting inmates (to prison, doctor's office or other meetings they must attend). The Sheriff's Office seasonal employees are employed using 75% funding through grants, i.e. snowmobile or marine deputies.

Out of 13 deputies who are MCOLES (Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards) certified, eight are available to work road patrol duties, with one assigned to detective duties. The other five deputies are grant-funded and can only function within the parameters of their grant, in order to receive the appropriate funding reimbursement.

The road patrol, by union contract, works 12-hour shifts. During cut backs, we reverted to an original agreement of a noon to midnight work schedule. This shift allows the Sheriff's Office to respond to calls during the highest recorded levels of calls for service. Also, when there are three officers on a shift, we can avoid calling in overtime personnel for minimum manning requirements (two officers), when sick time or vacation is used.

As you can tell, the Sheriff's Office is not over-staffed and, with union contracts dictating shifts and minimum manning during hours of darkness, makes 24-hour road patrol impossible. Not only must I consider holidays, sick, personal and vacation days (in addition to mandatory training and the courts requiring officers for security), makes scheduling a monumental and diverse aspect in management of local services. It is unfortunate, however, that minor calls, i.e. barking dogs, are handled last or when an officer

can be freed from criminal or more serious matters.

In the last budget reduction some services, such as 24-hour road patrol and the animal control officer, were cut and others reduced, i.e. the marine and snowmobile seasonal employees.

Through local groups and their dedicated additional funds, the marine patrols were kept at normal levels, and expanded for river patrol. Although I was able to keep five officers working through grant awards, some of the grants are coming to an end. This means that D.A.R.E. may not be able to be instructed and the juvenile prevention officer will be discontinued.

The Grayling Township officer will continue, with the cooperative agreement between the County and the Township. Twenty-four hour road patrol can only be accomplished through the additional hiring of a minimum of three officers. This is a decision which each of us works with. There is a certainty that the current revenues received by the county are remaining flat. However, expenses are rising and if this continues with no growth in revenue, non-essential services will be continually trimmed.

As always, the Sheriff's Office will do as much as possible to provide quality service to our community. As sheriff, I look forward to working with you in solving our community problems.

This article is a brief summary of the Sheriff's Office operations. If you would like to converse, please feel free to contact me at the Sheriff's Office at 348-4616.

Respectfully,
Sheriff Dave Lovely

We cannot praise the peacemakers while new lives still end in abortion

To the editor,

In response to the letter in the January 20 editorial column, regarding King's contributions:

We can talk about, recognize/remember, and pay tribute to all of our non-violent peacemakers, past and present, but senseless violence will continue because our actions speak much louder than our words.

The following is a quote from Mother Theresa, February 3, 1994, National Prayer Breakfast: "Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want."

Human life has lost its value, beginning with the most innocent, the unborn. We cannot say one thing

and then do another. We cannot talk

peace and make laws that legalize killing. We cannot hang a picture in a classroom of a peacemaker and then read from history book about the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision which made legalized abortion the law of the land. Our children are perceptive, they recognize the difference!

"Free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty, free at last." Millions of potential children never hear or speak these words. They have been denied their very life through the senseless violence of legalized abortion.

Mickie Meyers
Grayling

To the editor,

Marlene, such animosity! How unbecoming of a Zoning Board member to write such a letter. You need the reality check.

What do you think all these committees of the township are for if not to try to make a difference within our own township? Why did we update our ordinances if not to make a difference? What of the master plan if not to better serve this township, and all the other things that are going on? What do you think this is all for?

These committees are to work in harmony for the people that the township represents. Things are changing and will change, but it all takes time and effort and patience. To be rude yourself because others are rude only puts you in the same boat. Why do you want to do

that? I have not heard of the names that you say people are saying about Frederic. How sad that you take it so personally. How sad that you can't see the good in Frederic let alone the good people who work and live here.

I have only this to say: If you really want to make a difference, then you need to read the world's #1 best seller. It's the "Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth" (Bible). It tells you how to make a difference the right way. The letter you wrote is not the right way. Sorry.

To be calling the people of Frederic to that kind of wake-up call is crude and rude, and I will add, I am not the only one who feels this way. I think you owe the community and Zoning Board an apology.

Sandra Barber
Frederic

Editor

Long time day care center may close

Crawford AuSable Day Care made it incredibly easy for me to contribute to my community because they were looking after my number-one responsibility while I did my part.

My child has never been happier than he has been since he started day care. He loves to watch other children play and learn from them. He has gotten used to the TLC he receives from Marie, Joy, Marilyn and Margaret, just to name a few of the fantastic team members that fill the halls of the center.

When my son entered the doors of the center, he entered with a clogged tear duct he has had since birth. After two days in day care, it was completely cleared up. Perhaps just a coincidence, or perhaps one of those ladies knew a secret of what to do for a clogged tear duct.

There were many secrets of raising a child that they shared with us, many of which we couldn't wait to try. They didn't have to make the special effort to tell us these tidbits, but they did. They cared. They cared about children and parents; they didn't care about bottom lines and profits.

Barring a miracle, the Crawford AuSable Day Care Center will close its doors after 19 years. I could have been upset because my child was out a day care provider and so am I. But, I am more upset for those ladies I mentioned. Some of them have been there since it opened and now they will be out of a job. I have

Unfortunately in February, the peace of mind that they once felt will be gone. It is all due to financial problems.

Last Friday when I picked up my child from day care, I hugged three women with tears in their eyes, who told me stories about children they had watched in the past, and how they are watching some of those children's children now.

If you at any time have been touched by this center (and that includes employers), I plead with you to look into helping keep it open. I said earlier in this letter, barring a miracle, the center would close. Well, sometimes miracles are man-made, and some things are worth fighting for. The peace of mind of parents and your employees should be one of those things.

Chad E. Patterson
Grayling

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BRIEFS

Michelson hosts all-you-can-eat lunch

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church will host an all-you-can-eat luncheon of soup, sandwich, salad and dessert on Thursday, February 3, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$4.50 per person, take-out orders will be available, and everyone is welcome.

Retired federal employees to meet

NARFE Chapter 2305 will meet Thursday, February 3 at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling. Lunch is at 11:30 a.m., with business meeting starting at approximately 12:15 p.m. Membership is open to civilians with at least five years vested service in any agency of the federal or District of Columbia government, including retirees, former employees, current employees and spouses of current employees and spouses and surviving spouses of those eligible to join. For more information, call Rudy Martinez at (517) 348-5326.

Domestic Violence Task Force to meet

The Four-County Domestic Violence Task Force will meet at the Grayling Holiday Inn on Friday, February 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The meeting is hosted by River House Shelter. Experts on different aspects of domestic violence will speak on the issues and panel discussion will be included. This day-long meeting is meant for members of law enforcement, human services organizations/agencies, educators and anyone else whose interests or professions lie within the realm of service to victims of domestic violence. Lunch will be served; RSVP by calling (517) 348-3169.

Eagles to host Mid-Winter Dinner

On Saturday, February 5, the Grayling Eagles will host their Mid-Winter Dinner to benefit the State President's joint charities: Kidney and Diabetes Fund. Dinner will be served from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for those age 12 and under. Dinner includes choice of Boiled Dinner of ham or sausage, homemade bread and dessert.

High school, college students: deadline nears for scholarships

High school students with a grade point average of 'B' or better and college students with a GPA of 'B+' or better are eligible for a \$1,000 college scholarship (U.S. citizens only).

All requests for applications must include the following: student's name, permanent home address, city, state, zip code, name of current high school or college, approximate GPA, and year in school during the 1999-2000 academic year.

To receive an application, e-mail scholar@ecsf.org, by paper mail:

DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT No. 10

The health department has scheduled the clinics at the Grayling office. Appointments are recommended or required for all clinics. Please call 348-7800 for information on these clinics and our Environmental Health Services.

Call for an appointment for these clinics and services:

Immunization Clinic - February 2 and 16

Family Planning - February 1, 8, 11 and 22

Premarital Class - February 7 and 16

Optional/Confidential HIV/AIDS testing - February 10 and 24

WIC Supplemental Food Program for pregnant women, infants and children - February 14, 16, 18, 22, 24 and 28

WIC Frederic Satellite Clinic - Call for information

Maternal Support Service for

CRAWFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Crawford County Sheriff's Department handled the following 105 complaints during the week of January 17-23:

Five delinquent minors, two false alarm activations, one accidental fire, 23 general non-criminal, 33 traffic accidents (some involving snowmobiles), one traffic safety appearance, two snowmobile accidents, two suspicious situations, one lost and found property, one natural death, one assault/intimidation/stalking, two aggravated assault-family-strong arm, one burglary/home invasion, eight larcenies, two fraudulent activities, 13 public peace/disorderly, one OUIL/UBAL, four health and safety (three of which were animal control calls), and two miscellaneous criminal offenses.

Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 5012, Lake Forest, IL 60045-5012, or fax (847) 295-3972. Requests must be received by March 16, 2000.

Applications will be fulfilled by mail only, on or about April 7, 2000. Two hundred and fifty (250) winners will be selected on the basis of academic performance, involvement in extracurricular activities and some consideration for financial need. A total of \$250,000 will be awarded.

Pregnant Women - Call for information

Breast and cervical cancer screenings will be held on February 11. Call 1-800-968-7300 to schedule an appointment. This program is available to women ages 40 to 64, who have limited or no health insurance.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training Session will be conducted in the Cadillac office in April. Call for an appointment at (231) 775-9942.

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Wellington Farm Park volunteers to meet

On Tuesday evening, February 1, the members of the Wellington Farm Folk will hold their regular meeting at the Lone Pine Restaurant, on the I-75 Business Loop, just north of Grayling.

Included on the agenda of the meeting is the setting up of the committees for the coming park season and the discussion of additional special events which will be held at the living history museum.

Other items to be discussed will be the annual fund raisers and major construction projects to be completed in the near future.

The meeting will be preceded by dinner at 6 p.m.

The Wellington Farm Folk is a group of volunteers who meet together on a regular basis to plan and carry out the major festivals and activities which take place each year at Wellington Farm Park.

Anyone interested in knowing more about the park, the farm, or any of the events is cordially invited to attend the upcoming meeting.

For more information, or to make dinner reservations, please call 1-888-653-3276. This is a toll-free call.

Conservation District plans annual open house

The Annual Open House of the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District will be held on Wednesday, February 2, from 12 noon to 7 p.m.

At this time the public is encouraged to stop in, meet the staff, and find out what the local conservation district can do for the citizens in the district. Conservation information will be available, including free brochures on many conservation subjects.

The 1999 Amateur Photo Contest entries will be on display for the public to vote on.

Tree and shrub seedling information and ordering will be available, along with many other conservation

items for sale. All persons attending will receive 10% off all sales during the day.

The regular monthly board of directors meetings are held at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month. All meetings are open to the public and are held in the District office in the CRAF Center at 606 Lake Street in Roscommon.

The Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District is a locally elected entity of state government whose purpose is to improve the quality of life in Crawford and Roscommon counties by conserving and improving our natural resources for the benefit of present and future residents and visitors.

Local DAV chapter hosts veterans info seminar

Detailed explanations of the full range of benefits available to disabled veterans and their families will be presented at an upcoming Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Veterans Information Seminar.

Like all services provided by the nonprofit DAV, there will be no charge for this informative seminar, which will be hosted by Gaylord-Alpine Chapter No. 98. It will be presented on February 7, at VFW Post 1518, 408 West Main Street in Gaylord.

A highly trained National Service Officer from the DAV's Detroit office will conduct the seminar. "This veterans' benefits expert offers you the best counseling and

claim filing assistance you and your family can get," said Arthur H. Wilson, DAV National Adjutant, in a letter inviting local veterans and their families to the seminar.

That's important, he said, because, "so many disabled veterans feel confused about benefits and services they've earned. There's so much to know . . . and so many changes from one year to the next."

Veterans and members of their families need not be DAV or DAV Auxiliary members to take advantage of this free DAV service. They should bring their Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) claim number and Social Security number to the DAV Veterans Information Seminar.

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The Bible Speaks

Morality is Godly

The Vermont Supreme Court decision to treat gay couples as legal entities with the same legal benefits shared by married couples highlights another step toward Sodomy, U.S.A. The court acting as a judicial oligarchy has established another legal precedent promoting a pagan society. When civil wrongs punished for centuries in western civilization become respected civil rights we are reminded again that government cannot claim to be amoral. When deviant minority behavior is legalized in the name of civil justice, the government helps promote immorality. Because we are governed by laws, the majority of the citizens of Vermont are being forced to accept legalized deviant behavior. This is not the first effort at such action. Hawaii just rejected such attempts, and California is fighting the same battle right now.

Do we oppose sodomy because we hate Sodomites? No! God commands us to love everybody. Yet, the same God commands us to hate evil. God teaches us to make a distinction between the sin and the sinner. God tells us in Psalm, 97:10: "Ye that love the LORD, hate evil..." Yet, we live among many described in Micah 3:2: "Who hate the good, and love the evil. God compels us to preach against sodomy because it is a sin which destroys individuals, families,

and nations.

Some might remind us that God told us to love our neighbors. True. (Lev. 19:18) "Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself; I am the LORD." But those who talk about loving your neighbor by tolerating their sin ignore the context of the preceding verse: (Lev. 19:17) "Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart; thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbor, and not suffer sin upon him." Those who practice sin today accuse us of hatred when we obey God's command to rebuke sin. But in reality, it is those who turn sin into a civil right who really hate them. Since we shall all face a Holy God in judgment some day, it is the person who rebukes sin who is really showing Christian love toward the sinner. And since Sodomy destroys nations, it is the Christian who rebukes Sodomy who is really being a patriotic citizen.

When this column started we were strongly opposing abortion as a national sin. Then, a group of Supreme Court judges had by judicial oligarchy established tolerance for the sin of murder. They did it under the banner of civil rights. Every moral law of God is now under attack. The 10 commandments of God have been removed from the classrooms of public schools in America by

judicial oligarchy. Liberal judges are replacing God as the supreme authority in moral as well as legal decisions.

Where will we go from here? Will we soon say it is right to have more than one spouse? Will we give pedophiles a right to have sex with children of a certain age? Will we soon say hungry people have a right to steal? Will we soon say lying or perjury is right and acceptable? Will the right to kill a partially born child be expanded to other groups? Will money, media and politics continue to decide morality? Is true justice and equality possible without God? Will we stay "One nation under God?"

"Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Rainch1263/>

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Local tabernacle celebrates third birthday

On Sunday, January 30, the congregation of the Burning Bush Tabernacle will be celebrating its third birthday as a full gospel community church.

The church was founded by Pastor Patricia Petrie, a Grayling resident for 21 years. The dream of both Patricia and her husband, Duane, became reality on January 7, 1997.

The unique name was decided by Duane following a revelation that the church would be a place where God himself would meet with all who came in, even as God met with Moses at the burning bush.

Pastor Petrie also intended the church to be a place where hurting people could be encouraged and lifted up. It would be a safe place of refuge where people could experience love unconditionally and they would be accepted with their



Burning Bush Tabernacle is celebrating three years at their Michigan Avenue location and everyone is welcome.

strengths and weaknesses in the midst of God's presence.

Over the 17-year period Pastor Petrie has been a Christian, she has attended four Bible schools, served as Associate Pastor and has been licensed for three years preceding her ordination. During this time, she managed to raise 12 children over a 25-year period and said she would consider this to be a miracle

in itself.

Pastor Petrie invites the community to share this special day with the Sunday service starting at 11 a.m., and followed by a ham dinner with all the trimmings.

Then, at 4 p.m., new City Manager Allen Lowe will speak regarding the different issues facing our community. The public is encouraged to attend.

Church Directory



What do we do when we are troubled or when a situation has us stumped? Usually we go into action to resolve the situation...even if we don't really know what to do. After all...isn't doing something better than nothing?

In a way, yes; if doing something is first asking God for His judgement in the situation. First, we must stop fretting and complaining and just listen to our Heavenly Father's leading. Consider what God said to Job... "Give heed, O Job, listen to me; be silent and I will speak...listen to Me and I will teach you wisdom." (Job 33:31-33)

We need to meditate with God each day to keep a peaceful composure. On our Sabbath we have the opportunity to commune with God in His House where we may feel even closer to Him as we learn of God's will for our lives. Worship each week. "Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
John 17:1-26	John 14:1-14	Acts 9:1-25	Acts 9:26-43	Acts 10:1-16	Acts 10:17-33	Acts 10:34-48

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Bourrie honored with Athena Award



Local restaurateur Kathy Bourrie (left) was chosen as this year's Athena Award winner. The award is given annually to a person or business that clearly creates opportunity for the advancement of women in the workplace and business world. Bourrie was presented with the award's statuette by Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Board President Diane Tompkins and Chamber Director Lynn Porritt-McConnell at the annual Chamber Raffle Dinner on January 22.

Photo by Cheryll Raley

'Ultimate Talent Search' is on again

Embassy Music of Nashville, Tennessee is conducting its 6th annual artist and song search. "The Ultimate Talent Search" will offer over \$50,000 in prizes, which includes a recording contract for the Grand Prize Winner in the Artist's Division.

The Grand Prize winning song

will be recorded and distributed nationwide to Christian Radio.

Entry forms are now available and must be received no later than February 29, 2000.

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In addition to 400 hours of classroom instruction, cadets receive leadership, self-discipline, physical and vocational training.

Cadets also perform a minimum of 32 hours of community service and earn eight hours of college credit from Kalamazoo Community College.

Upon completion of the academy, Hiveley plans to continue his education at Kirtland Community College.

and look for work as a corrections officer.

The Michigan Youth ChalleNGe Academy is administered by the Michigan National Guard and is open to any Michigan high school drop-out, 16 to 18 years old, without a felony conviction.

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Hillsdale College

Freshman Kyle Denholm, son of Dr. Craig Denholm of Denholm Family Chiropractic, P.C., was named to the Dean's List at Hillsdale College for the 1999 fall semester. Denholm is a 1999 graduate of Gaylord High School.

Olivet College

Benjamin Croze, of Grayling, and James Curnalia, of Roscommon, have received Dean's List honors for their academic performance during the Fall 1999 semester of classes at Olivet College. To achieve such status, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 scale.

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We would like to thank all of the firefighters, rescue team and Red Cross for being there to help us the night of January 9th when we lost our home to a fire.

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BIRTHS

FOUR GENERATIONS -- From left mother Ronda Diane Barclay, great-grandmother Lois Lillian King, grandmother Francis Marie Barclay, and in the center is Zachary Hunter Barclay at age one month.

Zachary Hunter Barclay was born November 5, 1999 at 11 p.m. to Ronda Diane Barclay and John Brown of Newberry, Florida. He weighed 8 lbs, 8 oz. and measured 21 inches in length.

Paternal grandparents are Johnny Mae Brown of Newberry, FL and Betty (Brown) Spears of St. Petersburg, FL. Great-Grandparents are Harold and Edna Babbit of Frederic.

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Owner and operator of the Ice House Quilt Shop, Jill Wyman (left), holds a plaque recognizing her business for improvement and beautification during 1999. The Silver Lining Award was presented at the annual Chamber Raffle Dinner on January 22 by Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Director Lynn Porritt-McConnell and Chamber Board President Diane Tompkins.

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The Kirtland Honors Program, Kirtland Community College's academic program for high-ability students, has announced that it is the recipient of a large private donation in support of its scholarship fund.

Dr. and Mrs. Otto Krauss of Higgins Lake, supporters and benefactors of the program since its founding in 1995, have arranged to donate the sum of \$100,000 in installments over the next four years.

The accumulated funds will make the annually-awarded Otto and Martha Krauss Honors Scholarship perpetual and self-sustaining. The competitive Krauss Scholarship is

awarded each year to one deserving honors student, providing \$1,000 per semester for four semesters of full-time study at Kirtland.

Kirtland Interim President Richard Silverman officially announced the receipt of the donation at the College's Winter Convocation on January 17.

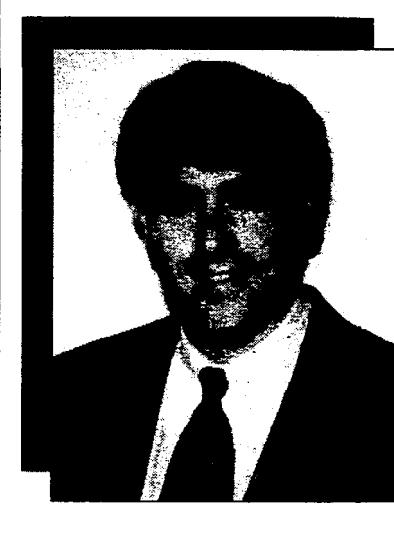
Frederic Giacobazzi, coordinator of the Honors Program, stated, "It is very heartening to know that the generosity of Dr. and Mrs. Krauss will make it certain that future generations of Kirtland's honors students will receive the support, encouragement, and recognition of being chosen to be Krauss

Scholars."

Founded in 1994, the Kirtland Honors Program provides high-ability students in both general education and occupational programs with enhanced opportunities for honors study and the option of earning an honors associate's degree.

Further information about the program may be obtained from The Kirtland Community College Honors Program, 1 Learning Resources Center, 10775 N. St. Helen Rd., Roscommon, MI 48653. Telephone: (517) 275-5000, ext. 359.

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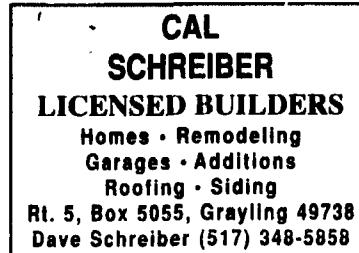
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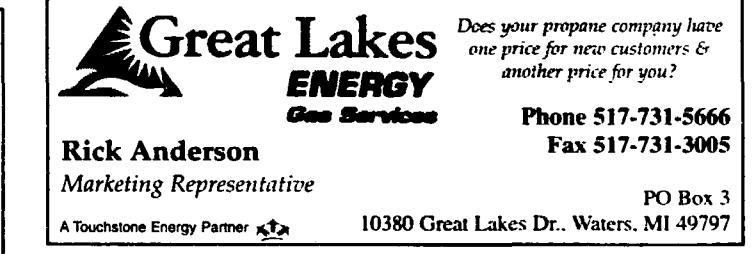
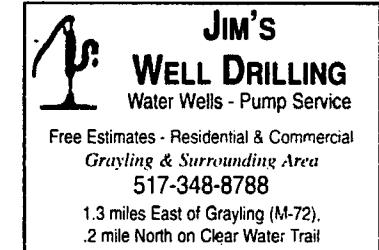
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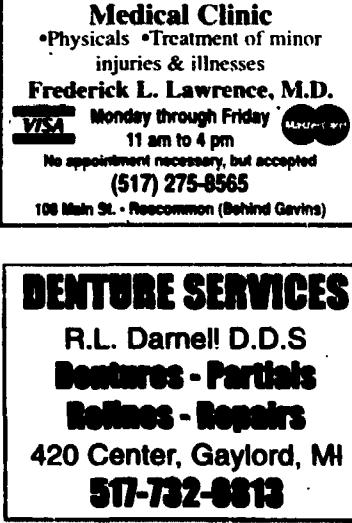
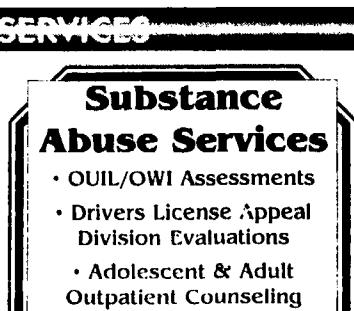
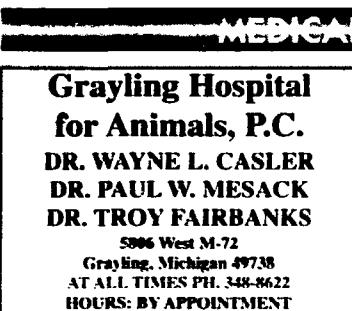
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OBITUARIES

James A. Hollingsworth

James A. Hollingsworth, age 69 of Grayling, died January 18, 2000 at Mercy Hospital.

He was born on April 22, 1930 in Detroit to Alfred Ray and Norma (Scroggie) Hollingsworth.

Mr. Hollingsworth married the former Lockey Griswold in Warren on March 14, 1952. He and his wife moved to Grayling in 1987.

He was employed by the Warren Fire Department for 26 years as a fire fighter/fire inspector prior to his retirement in 1980.

Mr. Hollingsworth enjoyed hunting, fishing, and camping. He also enjoyed traveling, was an avid reader, enjoyed doing crossword puzzles and playing on the computer.

He had a great love for card games, and so enjoyed playing poker with his buddies on Monday and Wednesday at the Senior Center.

He was Dad Advisor for Demolay, a Past Patron for the Order of the Eastern Star, and Past Master of Grayling Masonic Lodge and a member of Scottish Rite Bodies. Prior to taking a demit from the Shrine, he worked as Fire Patron at the Shrine Circus.

Mr. Hollingsworth is survived by his wife, Lockey, and two daughters, Karen Hollingsworth of White Lake Township and Terry (Walter) Kiciak of Holly.

He leaves one granddaughter, Rebecca Price, and two great-grandchildren, Kelsey and Justin. Also, Mr. Hollingsworth is survived by his sister Nancy (Reinold) Pedde of Tennessee and his brother Ernest (Arlene) Hollingsworth of Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held on Friday, January 21 at 11 a.m. at Sorenson Funeral Home with Reverend Jeffrey Jagers officiating and a Masonic service was held on January 20.

Memorials may be made to Grayling Masonic Lodge #356.

Card of Thanks

Thank you for your expressions of sympathy during the loss of our wife, mother and grandmother. Please make any donations to a charity of your choice.

The Family of Rose Gunderson
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Opal L. Coleman

Opal L. Coleman, 102, of Grayling and formerly of Westland, died Tuesday, January 18, 2000, at Mercy Manor in Grayling.

Mrs. Coleman was born to Andrew Jackson and Isalona (Houser) Harp on May 2, 1897 in Paulding County, Ohio.

On May 15, 1915, she married C. Glenn Coleman.

While living in Grayling for the past 11 years, Mrs. Coleman earned her high school diploma at the age of 97 through the adult education program.

She enjoyed being a homemaker and her interests included photography, needlework and tatting.

She also attended the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Coleman was preceded in death by her husband, C. Glenn Coleman; one son, Lloyd; three sisters, two brothers and one grandson.

She is survived by two daughters, Vera Saunders of Traverse City and Marion Warner of Grayling; one daughter-in-law, Vivian Coleman of Novi; six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held Friday, January 21, 2000 at 10 a.m. at the Novi United Methodist Church in Novi, followed by services at 11 a.m. Pastor Louise R. Ott officiated.

Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi is the site of burial.

Margot (Hadley) Dirksen

Margot G. Dirksen, 50, of Crystal Falls, died Wednesday January 12, 2000 at Marquette General Hospital.

Mrs. Dirksen was born in Detroit, daughter of James and Aune (Eskola) Hadley.

She graduated from Waterford-Kettering High School in 1968 and attended Oakland University. Mrs. Dirksen married her husband of 26 years, David Dirksen in Pontiac on October 12, 1973. They moved to Crystal Falls from Grayling in 1984.

Mrs. Dirksen was a member of the Crystal Falls Lions Club Band, the Crystal Falls Musicals and the Carrie Jacobs Bond Singers.

She leaves her husband, David; her mother, Aune Robert of Florida; four brothers, James (Judy) Hadley II and Jan (Gloria) Hadley, both of Florida and Robert (Linda) Hadley and Joseph (Linda) Hadley both of Pontiac; two sisters, Jackie (Norm) Arman of Umatilla, Florida and Susan (Barney) Gibcomb of Roscommon; her inlaws Raymond (Fern) Dirksen of Tennessee; two sisters-in-law; a brother-in-law; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Hadley.

Frances Anne Buron

Frances Anne Buron, 84, of Grayling and formerly of Port Huron, died Sunday, January 23, 2000 in Kalkaska.

Mrs. Buron was born May 5, 1915 in Port Huron to William and Julia (Lahdschoot) Ward.

She was valedictorian of her Port Huron High School class in 1933.

She married Anthony "Tony" Buron in Port Huron on August 23, 1941.

Mr. and Mrs. Buron enjoyed traveling to Alaska and Florida to visit family.

Mrs. Buron was a retired secretary for the city of Grayling. She was a member of the Senior Citizen's Kitchen Band and actively involved in Continuing Education classes. Besides being a caring and devoted mother, Mrs. Buron was also dedicated to her grandchildren and helped the sick and aged with meals. She was also a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Grayling since 1948.

Mrs. Buron is preceded in death by her husband, five sisters and three brothers.

She is survived by one brother, Bernard (Mae) Ward of Port Huron; two daughters, Juli (Roger) Weber of Lutz, Florida and Jane (Ron) Martin of Kalkaska; three sons, Ward Buron of North Pole, Alaska, Pat (Cherie) Buron of Traverse City and Tim (Sherry) Buron of Healy, Alaska; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday, January 25, 2000 at 1 p.m. at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling. Father Richard T. Sitar officiated.

Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling is the site of burial.

Memorials can be provided for the St. Mary's Catholic Church or the Alzheimer's Association.

James Oliver Benton

James Oliver Benton, age 63, of Frederic, died at his home on January 19.

He was born in Snyders, South Carolina on October 22, 1936 to Oliver and Shellie D. Benton.

Mr. Benton was retired and enjoyed spending time reading and fishing. He moved to Frederic from South Carolina about two years ago.

Mr. Benton is survived by his brother, Harmon (Clio) Wesley Benton of South Carolina; his niece, Claudia (Ray) Stranton of Alabama; his nephew Eddie Benton of Hollywood, South Carolina; and his sister-in-law, Connie Benton of Frederic.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 24 at 11 a.m. at Sorenson Funeral Home. Chaplain Karen Henderlong officiated.

Alex Franklin Marenko

Alex Franklin Marenko, age 59 of Grayling, died at his home on January 24, 2000, after a year-long battle with cancer.

He was born September 14, 1940 in Cinderella, West Virginia to George and Essie (Blackburn) Marenko.

Mr. Marenko moved to Grayling in 1991 and married Carol (Southard) Marenko on February 14, 1992.

He owned and managed Lakewood Welding in Battle Creek. Mr. Marenko was a welder and millwright by trade and held 14 welding certifications. He was the man given the task of welding the heat shield onto Alan Shepard's spacecraft.

He was a member of Masonic Order - Bedford Lodge #207 and was the American Legion Baseball Team, West Virginia State Champ.

Mr. Marenko was an ardent golfer, loving all aspects of the game. He was known for his soft touch around the green and always played his ball where it lied.

Over the years, Mr. Marenko was honored as Club Champion at Grayling County Club, Club Champion at Riverside Country Club of Battle Creek, Champion of the Jim Hodges Tournament at Binder Park in Battle Creek, and Father-Son Champion at Riverside Country Club for three consecutive years.

Mr. Marenko is survived by his wife, Carol, and three sons Bryan (Cinda) Marenko of Brunswick, OH, Mark Marenko of Battle Creek, and A. Scott (Mary Jane Amaro) Marenko of Grayling. He is also survived by stepchildren Barbara Fitzgerald (Mark) Doyal of East Lansing and Robert (Leslie) Fitzgerald of White Lake. He also leaves ten grandchildren.

Mr. Marenko left behind three brothers and three sisters, Mack (Anne) Marenko of Las Vegas, NV, Sena (Earl) Hungate of Lakeland, FL, Betty Jean (Ronald Joe) Blackburn of Williamson, WV, George (Kay) Marenko of Lake Forest, CA, Clifford Marenko of Williamson, WV and Elizabeth (Robert) Hite of Williamson, WV.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held Thursday, January 27 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Sorenson Funeral Home. A Masonic Service on Thursday evening at 7 p.m. is planned.

Funeral services will be held at the funeral home Friday, January 28 at 1 p.m., with Ms. Mary Beth Detting officiating. Cremation and burial services will be held at Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling and Lawson Cemetery in Williamson, WV.

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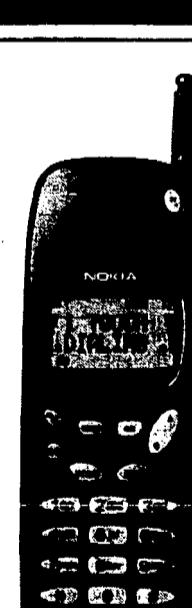


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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

"Special thought for your week ahead: It's nothing against you to fall down flat, but to lie there . . . that's disgrace." — Edmund Vance Cooke

Take care of yourself in the winter weather. Beware of slippery sidewalks and steps and for heaven's sake, wear your boots! Don't you dare fall and break something important! (I know I've said this before, and what's more I may say it all through the winter, so there!) Just a reminder of our bad weather policy - if the Crawford AuSable Schools are closed because of weather conditions, then we are closed.

Please look for a very special poem in February's Senior Gazette entitled "The New School Prayer!" Send copies to your friends and family, if you would like. It is a very soul-searching and thought-provoking bit of poetry!

Lots of marvelous things going

MERCY BIRTHS

Nicholas Nichert & Heather Goodrow of Grayling announce the arrival of Nicholas Jay Nichert II born October 11, 1999.

Richard & April Hilts of Roscommon announce the arrival of Brady Gordon Hilts born December 5, 1999.

Michael Consani & Kimberly Brewer of Roscommon announce the arrival of Michaela Marie Brewer born December 22, 1999.

Clark & Kimberly McNulty of Houghton Lake announce the arrival of Shealyn Nichole McNulty born December 22, 1999.

Matthew & Robin Holt of Gaylord announce the arrival of Grace Holt born December 23, 1999.

Robbie Tackett & Amber Arsenau of Gaylord announce the arrival of Kilee Michelle born December 27, 1999.

Todd & Kimberly Crickon of Grayling announce the arrival of

on in the next few weeks that I will highlight for you:

January 26 - The Out to Lunch gang travels to Gaylord to the Alten Zimmer Center for lunch and on to shopping.

January 27: BP's taken 11 a.m. to noon.

January 28: Pantry Bingo at 1 p.m.

January 30 is our Sunday Potluck at 2 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and your tableware.

January 31 Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

February 1: Euchre Club at 1 p.m. and Ellie Mae's country dance at 5:30 p.m.

February 2: Ground Hog's Day (will he see his shadow or not?). At the Center, however, we will see the shadow of the Hearing Clinic, by appointment and Wendy's Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

February 3: Lucky 7 Casino trip leaving at 10 am (Bulletin is wrong).

Lots of marvelous things going

OBITUARIES



Martin L. Burch

Martin L. Burch, 75, of Jerome and Grayling, died on Sunday at Foote Hospital in Jackson.

He was born on May 30, 1924 in Liberty, Michigan to Howard and Belva (Foltz) Burch.

Mr. Burch loved Grayling and enjoyed spending time here during the summer months.

He was President of Taylor-Burch Company in Jackson and later owner of Burch Industries in Somerset, retiring in 1987.

Mr. Burch had a cabin in the Grayling area for 40 years.

He is survived by his wife, Janet A. Hill, whom he married on September 7, 1957 in Angola, Indiana.

Mr. Burch is also survived by one daughter, Mrs. Bruce (Diana) Lallathin of Rives Junction; two granddaughters; one great-granddaughter; four nephews and one sister-in-law.

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Feb. 6 - Command Performance Dinner Series presents: Detroit Chamber Strings

Feb. 9 - Learning through Music Series presents: WMU String Orchestra

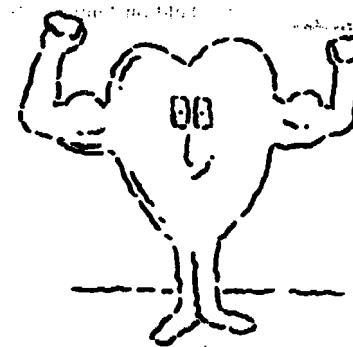
Feb. 10 - Classic Movie Series presents: North by Northwest

Feb. 17 - Learning through Music Series presents: GHS Pre-Festival

Feb. 24 - Learning through Music Series presents: EMU & GMS Pre-Festival

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February 10, 6 - 7:30 pm

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February 15, 6 - 7:30 pm

Mercy Hospital Grayling, Crawford Room

February 16, 3 - 4:30 pm

Program Offerings in February



Diabetes Support Group

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Mercy Prudenville Campus

February 3, 1 - 2 pm

Mercy Roscommon Campus

February 10, 1 - 2 pm

BLS Instructor Update

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February 8, 7 - 10 pm

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12 young women vie for Junior Miss scholarship

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

On Saturday, January 29, 2000, months of preparation, physical training, dance practice, make-up sessions and

community service will all culminate into an evening of competition, glitz and glamour for 12 high school juniors in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium.



Laura Gassman
Contestant #1

Laura Gassman, 16, is the daughter of Bill and Julie Gassman, and the sister of Mike. Her career goals are to become an elementary school teacher, working with children with special needs, after attending Central Michigan University.

"After my education has been completed," she said, "I would like to find a second or third grade teaching position because I feel that this is an age at which I could have a great impact on the children's lives."

Laura hopes to help children look at each day with a fresh attitude and by respecting all individuals.

Laura is involved in Grayling High School Forensics, Viking Concert Band, Color Guard Flag Team and participates in the school's production of musicals and plays.

In her spare time she enjoys playing the clarinet, spending time with friends and is proud of her "people skills."

In the talent portion of the competition, Laura will perform a swing flag routine to Cher's "Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves." Laura choreographed the routine herself, with the help of her friend, Kira Maples.

Laura said she joined the pageant because she wanted to have the same experience some of her friends, who have participated in past pageants, have told her so much about.

She describes herself as outgoing and optimistic.

When asked which politician, past or present, she admires most, she replied, "Abraham Lincoln, because he strove to make everyone equal."

Laura feels peer pressure is the most pressing issue facing today's youth and would deal with it by encouraging individuals to stand up for what they believe in.

When asked to define success, Laura responded, "Success is when an individual has accomplished her goals."



Heidi Noelle Niederer
Contestant #2

Heidi Noelle Niederer, 17, is the daughter of Emil and Tish Niederer, and Tim and Patti Coe. Her brothers are Paul Niederer and Sean Coe, and her sister is Mollie Coe.

Her career goals are to become an actress or history teacher after attending Central Michigan University. She has aspired to be an actress as far back as she can remember.

Heidi is the Grayling High School Junior Class representative for Choir Counsel, participates in forensics and in school productions of musicals.

She volunteers at River House Shelter for victims of domestic violence and enjoys participating in historical re-enactments such as Freeland's "Walk Through History," and demonstrations at Heritage Days. She hopes to participate in re-enactments at Fort Mackinac this summer.

Having a love for the stage, Heidi has had roles in "Bye, Bye Birdie," "You Can't Take It With You," "Anything Goes," and, most recently, the role of Rose in "Meet Me in St. Louis."

She also enjoys singing in the GHS Concert Choir.

In the talent portion of the competition, Heidi will perform a vocal from one of her favorite musicals, "The Phantom of the Opera."

Heidi said she joined the pageant because she has been attending them for many years and wanted to be in one for the fun. She describes herself as sensitive, loyal, friendly and compassionate.

When asked what politician, past or present, she admires most, she responded, "Franklin D. Roosevelt. He helped the country through the Depression."

Heidi feels peer pressure is the most pressing problem facing today's youth and thinks that "by having certain values and making the right decisions, peer pressure is not as bad."

When asked to define success, Heidi said, "Achieving personal goals, and being happy with what you've done and whom you have affected."

When asked to define success, Heidi responded, "Success is when an individual has accomplished her goals."

Before family and friends, these lovely young ladies will go through the final motions with the hope of being crowned Grayling Junior Miss for the year 2000.

The following biographies cover just a small amount of information these young ladies provided through questionnaires and essays.

Two interesting facts about

what these young ladies think:

1) Most of them hold high regard for the late Princess Diana of Wales and all of the humanitarian work she did for



Jessika Kay Abfalter
Contestant #4

Jessika Kay Abfalter, 16, is the daughter of Dale and Pamela Abfalter, and the sister of Brittany Abfalter. Her career goal is to become a medical doctor after attending Michigan State University.

Because of her admiration for Dr. Patch Adams, Jessika would like to open "The Danke Institute," a manifestation of Adams' "The Gesundheit Institute." Her interests lie in communicable and other diseases.

She is the Student Council Executive Board Secretary and Treasurer and is a member of the National Honor Society. Jessika participates in Drama, Forensics and the Key Club.

Jessika has earned the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Award (HOBY). She volunteers for Adopt-A-Highway and Hospice services. She started the Skeleton Fund, raising money for a new skeleton for science classes, started a recycling program at GHS, and served as Middle School Play Student Director.

One of Jessika's hobbies is finger-nail art. She also enjoys baton twirling and Pom Pon.

For the talent portion of the competition, Jessika will perform a baton dance routine she choreographed herself.

Jessika said she joined the pageant because she has "a burning desire to go to college and become a doctor; the scholarship would be a big help. I also believe that I am a good representative for Grayling's youth." She describes herself as "a reflective, outgoing, and fun-loving person, who can see a problem and not give up until it is solved. I love to learn."

The politician Jessika admires most is President Abraham Lincoln. "He had excellent foresight and was a kind man," she said.

"A general disregard for their fellow human beings is a huge problem among today's youth," she said when asked about the most pressing problem facing them. To deal with the problem, Jessika said, "I would do anything in my power to teach young people tolerance and respect. These qualities lead to caring and understanding for other people."

When asked to define success, Jessika said, "A person is successful when she/he can look back on his/her life and have no regrets on choices made or actions taken."



Tabitha Elaine Harney
Contestant #5

Tabitha Elaine Harney, 17, is the daughter of Jack and Sherry Harney. She is the sister of Jeff Harney, and Chad and Eric Bonamie.

Her career goal is to become an elementary school teacher after attending Central Michigan University.

While at Central Michigan University, Tabitha would like to play college softball for the Chippewa team. "After getting settled into a teaching position," she said, "I would like to start a family of my own. I hope to one day marry a wonderful man and raise our own children. Perhaps during this stage of life I could build up to becoming a softball coach." She said she is confident that she will be capable of teaching others and sharing her love of softball.

Tabitha is on the Grayling High School Honor Roll and participates in the GHS Softball and Volleyball programs. She has been selected as Student of the Month and has received the Coach's Award for Cheerleading.

In her spare time, Tabitha said she enjoys cross stitching, camping with her family, rollerblading, swimming, and snowmobiling.

For the talent portion of the competition, Tabitha will perform what she calls an exciting Pom Pon routine to the song "Whip It."

Tabitha's reason for joining the pageant... "I am pretty shy and I thought it would be really fun and a good experience." She describes herself as "average height, fun, smiley, outgoing, athletic and pretty talkative."

When asked why she joined the pageant, Arica said, "I am very shy, and I thought it may help me to overcome this."

She describes herself as "Shy, constantly active, outgoing around friends and family."

Teenage pregnancy is what Arica named the most pressing problem facing youth today. How would she deal with the problem?

She responded, "I believe more schools should offer sex education so more teens are aware of the consequences."

Arica defines success as, "Accomplishing a goal that you have set."

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Arica Wolcott
Contestant #6

Arica Wolcott, 17, is the daughter of Jeffrey and Tanya Wolcott. Her brother is Zachary Wolcott and her sisters are Ashley and Chelsea Wolcott.

Because of her love of high school sports, her career goal is to practice sports medicine or teach physical education after attending Central Michigan University.

She has also held a lifetime goal of playing volleyball or softball at the college level for Central Michigan University.

Arica is an Honor Roll student who participates in Positive Peer Involvement, GHS Softball, Volleyball, Tennis, and Basketball.

She has been the recipient of the Student Senate Leadership Award, MEAP Test awards, C.O.O.R. Scholarship, and the Peg O. Milnes Award - Best All Around Citizen of her 8th grade class.

Arica was also selected as an All-District Softball Pitcher.

In her spare time, Arica said she enjoys pitching, candle making, rollerblading, ice skating, bowling and snowmobiling.

For the talent portion of the competition, Arica will bring technology to the stage as she presents her love for softball through a computer generated Powerpoint presentation she designed herself, as she sings "I Am the Greatest."

When asked why she joined the pageant, Arica said, "I am very shy, and I thought it may help me to overcome this."

She describes herself as "Shy, constantly active, outgoing around friends and family."

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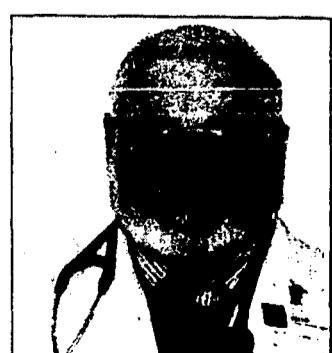
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Joyce Angela Thomas
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Miranda Ellis
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Monique Fagan
Contestant #9



Michelle Stepp
Contestant #10



Jayne Potter
Contestant #11



Danielle Niederer
Contestant #12

Joyce Angela Thomas, 16, is the daughter of Bruce and Irene Thomas, and the sister of Tony. Her career goal is to become a forensic chemist or physical therapist.

She plans on attending Central Michigan University or Saginaw Valley State University where she will study pre-medical and health science areas of curriculum.

She is an Honor Roll student, a GHS Varsity Cheerleader and on the Varsity Girls' Soccer Team. She is currently enrolled in the advanced placement classes of science, math and history.

Joyce has been recognized with the Coach's Award for Junior Varsity Cheerleading.

In her spare time, Joyce said she enjoys reading, talking, playing her clarinet, singing, and being around her family and friends.

For the talent portion of the competition, Joyce will perform a cheer dance to the song "What I Like About You," by the Romantics.

Joyce choreographed the dance with the help of friend, Darci Trudgeon.

Joyce said she joined the pageant "to meet and become friends with a more diverse group of my peers."

She describes herself as "a friendly, happy teenager who enjoys meeting people and spending time with family and friends."

When asked which politician, past or present, she most admires, Joyce responded, "Senator Sonny Bono, since he proves that whatever you put your mind to, you can accomplish."

Joyce named the combination of violence and racism in the school as the most pressing problem facing today's youth. She would deal with the problem by "facing the problem with communication and not hiding it under the carpet."

When asked her definition of success, Joyce said, "A factor that can be accomplished through hard work, cooperation and dedication."

Miranda "Mandi" Ellis, 16, is the daughter of Daniel and Deborah Ellis, and the sister of Lori.

Her career goal is to become a physical therapist after attending Ferris State University and said she grateful for her mother and Mr. David Gott for helping make her dreams a reality.

Mandi has played the alto saxophone for seven years and is involved in the GHS Concert Band, Jazz Band and Marching Band. She also plays Varsity Girls' Soccer.

She has been selected for the Honors Band and Solo Ensemble and has played in parades as a member of the Marching Band. Mandi also plays in Little League Softball.

In her free time, Mandi said she enjoys playing her saxophone, drawing, painting, making pottery and playing her keyboard.

For the talent portion of the competition, Mandi will be performing her rendition of "Over the Rainbow" on the alto saxophone.

Mandi said she joined the pageant "to become more involved with school activities and meet people from different groups."

She describes herself as having a "great personality;" also, "friendly, outgoing, high self-esteem, very talkative and unique."

Of all the politicians, past and present, Mandi chose Abraham Lincoln as the one she most admires. She said Lincoln was "against slavery and began trying to free the slaves."

Mandi said teen violence is the most pressing problem facing today's youth.

When asked how she would deal with the problem, Mandi responded, "Provide punishment toward teens and restrict curfews for certain age groups."

Mandi's definition of success is: "The opportunity of being involved in the profession that's desired to make a living for the future."

Monique Fagan, 16, is the daughter of Alan and Julie Fagan, and the sister of Travis. Her career goal is to become an optometrist after attending Ferris State University.

"For as long as I am capable of remembering," Monique said, "the sense of sight has been intriguing."

She is an Honor Roll student involved in Forensics and Debate, as well as Positive Peer Involvement and the Youth Mentoring Program at Grayling Elementary School.

Monique has been honored by the CASD Board of Recognition and the President's Award of Educational Excellence for Outstanding Academic Achievement.

In her free time, Monique said she enjoys dancing, water skiing, snowmobiling, fishing, boating and shopping.

For the talent portion of the competition, Monique will perform a lyrical dance, that she choreographed herself, to the song "I've Had the Time of My Life." She has been dancing since the age of five.

When asked why she joined the pageant, Monique said, "I joined Junior Miss to present myself with new challenges and have fun." She describes herself as "a caring, optimistic person with a strong desire to better the world around me."

Monique was asked what politician, past or present, she admired most. She responded, "The politician I most admire is Hillary Clinton, because she endeavored to become the governor of New York."

Also, Monique said, "I feel the most pressing problem facing today's youth is a lack of communication with their parents."

As to how she would deal with it, she answered, "I can only encourage parents and children to talk and make them aware of the advantages of good communication."

Monique defines success this way: "I feel success is obtained through setting goals for yourself and accomplishing them."

Michelle Stepp, 16, is the daughter of Gregory Stepp and Jerrene Voight. She is sister to Aimee Voight. Her career goal is to attend the college of her choice and earn a PhD in Emergency Medicine.

Michelle was accepted to Interlochen Arts Academy, but made the difficult decision to return to Grayling High School.

She is an Honor Roll student and a member of the National Honor Society. She is involved in Drama, the Art Club, Band, Forensics and Cheerleading. Michelle plays the tenor saxophone in Band and the baritone saxophone in Jazz Band.

Michelle was nominated for the HOBY award and has been recognized by the Board of Education for Outstanding Extracurricular Achievement.

She has received Coach and Spirit Awards for cheerleading and Theater Arts recognition.

Her special talents include the ability to play five different instruments. Michelle said she enjoys theater, Jazz Band, baton and dance.

For the talent portion of the competition, Michelle will be performing a monologue entitled "A Child's Final," a tragic, yet truthful poem that she hopes will encourage people to make the right decision.

Michelle said she joined the pageant because, "Previous contestants have told me how much fun it is and the pageant combines different activities that I enjoy." Describing herself, she said, "I tend to be shy around people I just meet. I also believe that I am cheerful, independent and very organized."

Of politicians, past or present, Michelle chose John F. Kennedy as the one she most admired because, "I feel he was conscious to the American people. JFK was also young and made the younger generation to become involved in politics."

When asked what is the most pressing problem facing today's youth, Michelle answered, "Our society of youth is filled with anger, violence and prejudice."

How would Michelle deal with the problem? She said, "I feel that education is the only way to resolve this problem."

Michelle's definition of success: "Success to me is not money or authority. I feel that a person is successful when they feel happy and complete in their own life."

Jayne Potter, 16, is the daughter of Justin and Jodi Potter, and the sister of Jason Potter. She would like to major in Child Psychology by first attending Kirtland Community College, then transferring to a university of her choice.

At Grayling High School, Jayne is a member of Varsity Girls' Basketball and Volleyball. She has been playing basketball for eight years, is also a member of the AAU Girls' Basketball program, and has participated in Gus Macker Tournaments. Her favorite subject in school is English and she said, "I love writing stories."

Jayne has received the Principal's Award, has been selected as Student of the Month and has received awards for playing 7th Grade, 8th Grade, Freshman, Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball.

Jayne has received the Coach and Spirit Awards for cheerleading and Theater Arts recognition.

Her special talents include the ability to play five different instruments. Michelle said she enjoys theater, Jazz Band, baton and dance.

For the talent portion of the competition, Jayne will dance to "Will 2K" by Will Smith, choreographed by Krystal Savoy and Jill St. Germain.

Jayne said she joined the pageant "to get to know the other students in my class and for the experience."

She describes herself as "easy to talk to, easy going and athletic."

When asked what politician, past or present, she admires most, Jayne responded, "Hillary Clinton, because of her desire and the way she stands up for women."

Jayne answered, "Drugs and binge drinking," when asked what is the most pressing problem facing today's youth.

When asked how she would deal with the problem, she said, "I would say 'No,' I want more for my life."

Jayne named her mother, Jodi, as the person she admires and respects the most "because she always lends a helping hand and she always has the answers."

Jayne defines success as, "Achieving a goal you made. Doing the best that you can."

Danielle Niederer, 16, is the daughter of Daniel and Bonnie Niederer, and sister to Joshua and Nathan. Her career goal is to major in Astronomy at Michigan State University and get involved with the space program, and/or study to become an elementary school teacher.

At Grayling High School, Danielle is on the Honor Roll and participates in several extracurricular activities such as Girls' Basketball, Soccer, and Volleyball. She is also involved in Positive Peer Involvement, earning a certificate, and the Youth Mentoring Program at Grayling Elementary School.

Danielle is a member of Mount Hope Lutheran Church, has helped clean and paint sports fields, volunteers to coach Junior Pro Basketball and has helped raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Her special interests and hobbies include rollerblading, biking, soccer, drawing, astronomy and forensics.

For the talent portion of the competition, Danielle will perform an astronomy narrative she composed entitled, "The Sky is NOT the Limit." She has held a strong interest in astronomy since the 4th grade.

Danielle said she joined the pageant because, "It is challenging and I am very interested in receiving a scholarship." When asked to describe herself, she said, "I am athletic, caring, a good listener and devoted to my beliefs."

Of all the politicians, past or present, Danielle admires most Abraham Lincoln, "because he fought for what he believed, no matter what the consequences or resistance he faced."

Danielle said, "drugs and alcohol amongst adolescents," is the most pressing problem facing today's youth. To deal with the problem, she said, "I would rally for more government spending to educate individuals and be active in my school and community, to make others aware of the effects of drugs and alcohol."

Danielle defines success as "setting and meeting your goals and being satisfied with them."

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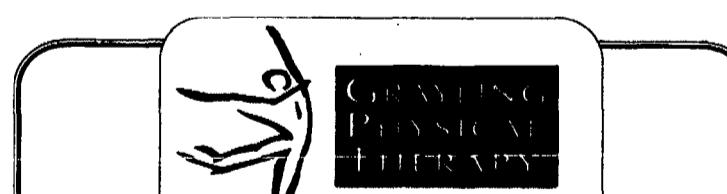
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For The Week Of January 30–February 5

Aries
March 21–April 20

Younger people do have some great financial ideas. Don't let the youth of a person turn you off to his/her ideas. They could pay off for you in the near future. A Virgo could bring some special happiness to your life by the weekend.

Taurus
April 21–May 21

Show your open-mindedness when dealing with a potentially explosive problem at work. You will gain the respect of your coworkers and supervisors. You may want to carry that open-mindedness home to deal with a situation.

Gemini
May 22–June 21

Use your enthusiasm to lighten the spirit of those around you. You may be surprised at the results! It could end up drawing the attention of someone you have wanted to notice you. Don't be hurt by an elderly relative's ramblings.

Cancer
June 22–July 22

Anticipate receiving a better-than-usual return on the financial front in the next few weeks. But wait until you have it before you spend it. It's not a good week to take advice from a Libra. Steer clear of a potential problem on the parental front.

Leo
July 23–August 22

Your partner forgot Valentine's Day last year and owes you. Suggest he/she start planning now so you both have a great holiday. Don't let work intrude on an important family date. It's vital that you give it your undivided attention.

Virgo
August 24–September 22

Even if you disagree, you need to follow the instructions of a superior. For your protection, document your ideas and/or problems with doing it his/her way. Reward yourself with a shopping trip or a day out somewhere special.

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Libra

September 23–October 23

You'll have a lot of little jobs at work and home to get done this week. Take time to organize your schedule so you can get everything done. Toward the end of the week, you may receive an invitation to a Valentine's event. Plan to attend.

Scorpio
October 24–November 22

This week you'll feel people are drawn to you more than usual. It's probably because you have been so upbeat in the last few weeks. A new attitude can only mean one thing—better times at work and home for everyone.

Sagittarius
November 23–December 21

Keep in mind that it is better to give than receive. It may be an old adage, but it will prove true to you again soon. Break loose and get away one day this week. Take time for a simple lunch with friends or try a night on the town.

Capricorn
December 22–January 20

If you've been working extra hard on an idea at work, expect something to come of it this week. However, don't expect a lot of good things on the homefront. You may be facing tough times concerning some poor financial planning.

Aquarius
January 21–February 18

Don't let Valentine's Day get you down this year. Take control and plan something special for your partner, family or a group of friends. It's sure to make the holiday better than last year. Be prepared for the unexpected at work this week.

Pisces
February 19–March 20

It's important you don't shy away from a serious discussion with a close friend. He/she needs your unbiased advice, and you may gain something from the talk, too. Be careful not to trust everyone and watch your back at work.

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Southwestern Skins

Makes 12 potato skins

6 potatoes, each about 4 in. long

2 pkgs. (2.5 oz. each) Carl Buddig Beef, chopped

2 cups (8 oz.) shredded cheese

1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper

1/4 cup chopped green onion sour cream, if desired

fresh cilantro, if desired

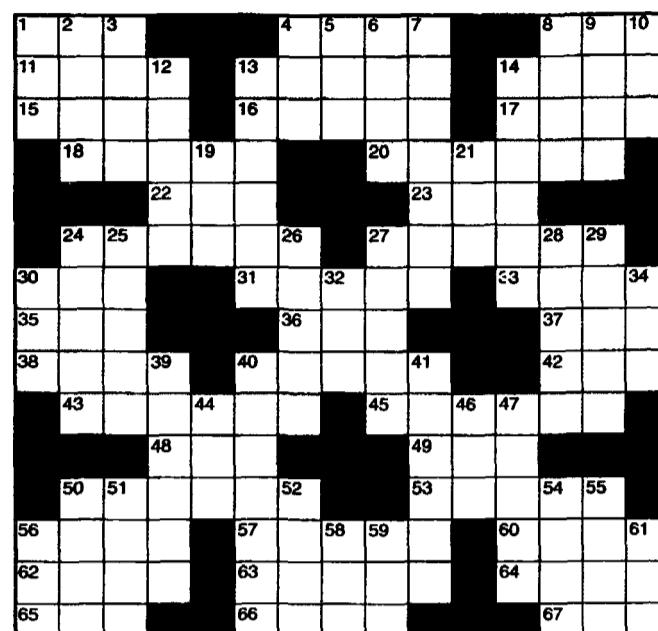
Bake 50 to 60 minutes or until tender when pierced with a knife. Let cool at least 45 minutes. Halve lengthwise. Scoop out most of the flesh, leaving a half-inch of pulp attached to skin. Combine Buddig Beef, cheese, red pepper and onion. Fill each shell with meat mixture. Place on baking sheet. Bake in a 400 F oven 10 to 12 minutes or until cheese is melted and filling is hot. Garnish each with sour cream and cilantro, if desired.

Per serving (1 filled potato skin) Calories 153 (from Fat 64); Fat 7g (sat 4g); Chol 28mg; Sodium 294mg; Carb 14g; Fiber 2g; Protein 8g.



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ACROSS

- 1. Actress Scala
- 3. Harbor markers
- 4. Cambodian's neighbor
- 5. Presidential nickname
- 6. Stigan
- 8. Actress Thompson of Carrington
- 11. Curvature
- 13. Hopeless case
- 14. Partial: prefix
- 15. Traditional knowledge
- 16. Bay horses
- 17. Cigar-hawking Adams
- 18. Impudence
- 20. Looked after
- 22. Tool's mate
- 23. Egg drink
- 24. Map parts
- 27. Colliers
- 30. Frost, as a cake
- 31. Part of SST
- 33. Appear to be
- 35. Downturn
- 36. Rockefeller riches source
- 37. Farm male
- 38. Med. subj.
- 40. Heavens supporter
- 42. Land measure
- 43. Shining
- 45. Hosiery
- 48. College yell
- 49. Capone's group, informally
- 50. Out of the country
- 53. Harbor markers
- 56. Cambodian's neighbor
- 57. Stigan
- 60. Actress Thompson of Carrington
- 62. Cleave
- 63. He played Robin in 1938
- 64. Kilt wearer
- 65. Printers' measures
- 66. Cannon of Ally McBeal
- 67. Moslem commander
- 19. Compete
- 21. Pierree's refusal
- 24. Cake feature
- 25. King Birendra's land
- 26. Like a chimney, come spring
- 27. La Scala's city
- 28. Showed again
- 29. Where to buy a Kenmore
- 30. Crete peak
- 32. Goose egg
- 34. Mrs. in Metz
- 39. Very hot
- 40. Mortified
- 41. Periodic table feature
- 44. Saint, in Recife
- 46. Singer Rawls
- 47. Wind instruments
- 50. Cough fraught with meaning
- 51. Fortids
- 52. Boat with flaring sides
- 54. Workout spot
- 55. Polluted air
- 56. It's past "due"
- 58. Refrain bit
- 59. Like a ___ of bricks
- 61. ___ loss for words (2 wds.)

DOWN

- 1. Woman from Kalamazoo
- 2. ___ Man (Ayres film)
- 3. Measure for Old MacDonald
- 4. San Diego attraction
- 5. Stop ___ dime (2 wds.)
- 6. Gave temporarily
- 7. Poison popular with mystery writers
- 8. Yield by treaty
- 9. Included with
- 10. Alter the truth
- 12. Groups of livestock
- 13. Hails
- 14. Bushy fences

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago

January 27, 1977

Victor Comptometer Corporation, the parent company of the local Bear Archery Company have announced that Bear Archery may be moved to the south. Several states have submitted inquiries seeking the industry. Bear Archery has received the go-ahead to conduct feasibility studies. Local officials have stressed that the strike has nothing to do with this decision. They say that Michigan is basically unfriendly to businesses.

Crawford County Prosecutor Thomas E. Kent announced today that he has appointed local attorney Alton T. Davis to be Chief Assistant Prosecutor for the County. Mr. Davis was formerly employed as an Administrative Assistant to U.S. Federal District Court Judge John Feikens. For the last two and one-half years, he has maintained a private law practice in Grayling.

Inadequate local facilities have forced the busing of 58 fifth and sixth grade students from Grayling to Frederic. Rooms in the basement and former storage rooms have been pressed into classroom service but have proved inadequate to the task.

James Shively stood in his driveway and watched his \$21,000 motor home burn to the ground and in a way, was happy about it. He was having trouble starting it, and while looking for the trouble he was laying on the floor. Burning gasoline flowed over the floor in front of him, he pushed himself up and back and escaped, but it was a harrowing experience.

Three walk-aways from Camp Shawano hitchhiked to Traverse City where they stole a car and headed back to Grayling, where they were spotted by the city police. Sheriff's deputies joined the police in pursuing the car which hit 80 mph before hitting a light pole, two gas pumps and a van parked at the gas station.

46 Years Ago

January 28, 1954

Phyllis Goss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Goss of Grayling received the crown symbolic of the Grayling Winter Sports Queen in coronation ceremonies at the Grayling Winter Sports Parks on Sunday afternoon.

The Grayling High Vikings rated as one of the top Class C basketball squads in Michigan stretched their season's win streak to nine straight last week at the expense of the Mancelona Ironmen and Kalkaska.

Funeral services were held January 21 for Boyd J. Funsch, Eldorado pioneer. He was born, raised and married in Eldorado, and it was there that his entire interest was centered. He will be buried in Rock Cemetery, South Branch Township, which is near the Funsch home.

For the next two weeks motor vehicles of every description will be sliding over ice-covered runways of McNamara Airport as scientific workers and test drivers, for both the National Safety Council and the Army's Engineering Research and Development Laboratories jointly endeavor to get the facts of life and death about driving on snow and ice.

The price of potatoes the past week has ranged somewhat above the 45¢ mark - 40¢ prevailing yesterday.

Another row at the home of Chief Shoppenagon last week resulted in the serious cutting and bruising of his wife's face, and gave the Chief a ten day rest in jail. From his standpoint, his squaw is his slave and he has a right to punish for disobedience. There was undoubtedly great provocation, hence the light sentence.

Last Friday evening the weekly meeting of the 'Burt Sewing Club' was turned into a farewell party for Miss Mabel Redhead, one of our teachers.

Alfred Christenson lost all of the fingers of his left hand and had his arm broken at the mill at Johannesburg last week.

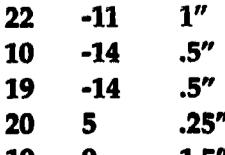
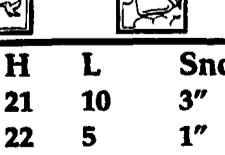
69 Years Ago

January 29, 1931

One of Len Isenhauer's horses slipped and fell Sunday afternoon on US-27, while he was out giving them an airing. The horse was dragged by his mate a block before he could be

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WEATHER

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Date	H	L	Snow	On Ground	Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord:
1/18	21	10	.3"	10"	Wednesday - sunny and cold, with high in the teens with a low of 0-5.
1/19	22	5	1"	10"	Thursday - dry, with a high of 20-25.
1/20	22	-11	1"	10"	Friday - dry, with a high in the mid-upper 20's. Saturday - dry, with a high of 25-30 and a low in the teens.
1/21	10	-14	.5"	10.5"	
1/22	19	-14	.5"	10"	
1/23	20	5	.25"	10"	
1/24	19	9	1.5"	11"	

Take herbs with dose of awareness

The use of medicinal herbs has been around for several millennia — far longer than scientific medicine — and as we head into the 21st century, their popularity is at an all-time high. It's estimated that herbal remedies are now a \$4 billion industry that is growing at the rate of 20 percent each year.

However, this growth comes with an increasing concern on the part of doctors in the United States and around the world.

The problem is, with the proliferation of medicinal herbs in drug stores, grocery stores, health stores and over the Internet, there is no way to control what goes into these herbal preparations and no way of knowing how safe they are.

Herbal remedies are not controlled by the Food and Drug Administration, which oversees the pharmaceutical industry.

"One of the major concerns with herbal remedies is patients don't always know if they're even getting the herb that's listed on the label of the bottle," says Steven Bolling, M.D., professor of cardiac surgery in the U-M Health System and co-director of the U-M Complementary and Alternative Medicine Research Center.

Recent studies have looked at whether what the patient paid for was what they were getting and results showed that it ranges from five percent of what was listed on the label to one thousand percent of the listed amount."

This, says Bolling, presents a real problem for patients and their doctors because of concern over drug-herb interaction. "It's very hard right now for doctors to know how to regulate or dose patients with herbal medicine. We certainly know in conventional drugs that if one pill is good, that two might not be better, and five pills may be toxic and kill you. The same may be true for herbs."

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The Grayling Police Department handled the following 69 complaints during the week of January 16-24:

Five false alarms, two misdemeanor arrests, four assists to other departments, seven check law violations, 12 city ordinance violations, one domestic, three larcenies, two motorist assists, two suspicious situations, four private property accidents, five traffic accidents, one civil infraction citation, two misdemeanor citations, one traffic control complaint, one attempt to locate, and seven miscellaneous complaints. In addition, 10 traffic warnings were given.

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The ready availability of herbal remedies means more and more patients are taking supplements, but often they're not telling their doctors what they're taking. Because of potentially harmful interactions, Bolling says it's imperative that patients tell their doctors about all herbal remedies they are taking.

Pregnant women are advised to be extra-cautious when taking herbs.

"Remember that anything you eat or drink crosses through the placenta and affects the baby," says Sandra Lynne a certified nurse midwife with the U-M Health System. "As a general rule, herbs that we cook with are safe. Manufactured, prepared herbal teas are safe. Herbal remedies that you may find in the health food store could be unsafe because it's difficult to determine their actual strength."

There is a growing willingness on the part of doctors to prescribe herbal remedies, but much of the push still comes from patients. However, Western medicine is paying more and more attention to herbal remedies, and studies are under way at prominent medical centers all over the world to scientifically evaluate many of the estimated 1,500 herbal products available to the public. The University of Michigan Health System is one of these centers.

In 1998, the National Institutes of Health gave the U-M Health System a \$5.7 million, five-year grant to study the use of herbal medicine and Eastern philosophical beliefs in treating cardiovascular disease. The U-M Complementary and Alternative Medicine Research Center (CAMRC) brings together two medical communities that are typically far removed from each other in the United States — ancient Eastern healing and Western scientific medicine. The center will launch several long-term clinical investigations of alternative medicine therapies.

"Here at the University of Michigan Complementary and Card of Thanks

The family of Emma J. Bennett, recently deceased on December 28, 1999, would like to thank Sorenson Funeral Home and Rev. Fraser for their kindness and compassion in our bereavement. And, to thank "Flowers by Josie" for such beautiful and artistic arrangements. And, thank you to the Ladies of the Methodist Church who furnished our family and friends with such a lovely luncheon after the funeral services. Everyone's efforts were appreciated more than we can express. Thank you all.

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- The University of Michigan Health System Complementary and Alternative Medicine Research Center for Cardiovascular Diseases: www.med.umich.edu/camrc/
- National Institutes of Health: www.nih.gov/
- The NIH's National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine: nccam.nih.gov/
- University of Michigan Health Topics A to Z: www.med.umich.edu/libr/topics/alt02.htm

Alternative Research Center," says Bolling, "we're looking at several herbal remedies and our goal is to either validate or invalidate a given herbal therapy. Herbs are being used by patients who don't always inform their doctors. It's out there and whether they want to or not, doctors need to be aware of it. There is very little good, hard scientific data to document whether these treatments work for patients, hurt people or do nothing at all. Here at U-M, we want to study them, examine mechanisms and publish results using sound scientific methods."

Today's medicinal herb, such as ginseng, Echinacea, St. John's Wort or Gingko Biloba, could become tomorrow's approved medicine.

"One of the interesting things about herbal remedies," says Bolling, "is that, although they're unconventional at this point in time, if you look back four or five hundred years, some of the mainstays of my cardiac surgical practice, in

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terms of standard medicines, used to be herbs. Aspirin - something that shows great benefit in preventing and fighting cardiac disease came from willow bark. Five hundred years from now, the things we scoff at or think are unproven may be mainstays of therapy."

MILITARY NEWS

Navy Fireman Recruit Robert S Doherty, son of Robert S. Doherty and Karen Doherty, both of Grayling, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois.

During the eight-week program, Doherty completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis is also placed on physical fitness.

Doherty and other recruits also received instruction on the Navy's core values — honor, courage and commitment — and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct.

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Doherty is a 1999 graduate of Grayling High School.

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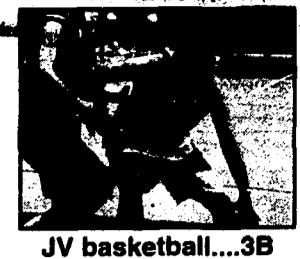
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Thursday, January 27, 2000

Varsity team snaps winless streak

► After losses in four close games, Vikings hang on to defeat Oscoda

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The GHS varsity basketball team outplayed a solid Oscoda Owl squad last Friday in Grayling to pick up a much-needed win. The Vikings had lost five games in a row before the victory over the Owls, including an overtime loss to Pinconning and a loss to Gaylord on a half-court buzzer beater.

Against Oscoda last Friday, the Viking defense had little trouble containing the Owls early in the first quarter, as Oscoda hit a three-pointer and a few short shots to take a 12-7 lead with three minutes to play in the first period.

After a Grayling time-out, the Vikings outscored Oscoda 10-2 the rest of the quarter on shots inside by Adam Knapp and Levi Burkett, jumpers by Dave Hawkins and Brad Gorski, and a fast break lay-up by Nate Hinkle.

The Vikes led 17-14 after one quarter.

Oscoda's offensive troubles from the last part of the first period carried over, and the Owls continued to have problems putting the ball in the net early in the second.

Oscoda hit the first shot of the quarter, but the Vikings then scored nine unanswered points to take a 10-point lead, 26-16. The run included two free throws by Hawkins, a shot inside by Joe Fritz, a short jump shot by Hinkle, and a three-pointer by Marcus Bobenmoyer.

The Owls responded with a 7-0 run to pull within three, 26-23.

With 1:56 left in the half, Hawkins scored a jam to put GHS up five. The teams traded baskets for the rest of the half.

At the halftime buzzer, Grayling led by three, 32-29.

Neither team shot particularly well in the third quarter, but the

Vikings played with a lot more intensity than they had in the first half.

Grayling played more aggressive on defense and on the offensive and defensive boards. Fritz and Hawkins did a good job battling for rebounds down low.

The Vikings outscored Oscoda 13-10 in the third period, extending the GHS lead to six, 45-39. Grayling got points from a drive and a jumper by Eli Tobin, a three-pointer and two drives to the basket by Hinkle, and a tip-in at the buzzer by Hawkins.

The Vikings continued to build momentum in the early part of the fourth quarter, scoring six unanswered points on a put-back by Gorski, a drive by Tobin, and a jump shot by Hinkle.

With GHS up by 12 (51-39), Oscoda came back with a shot inside, two free throws and a three-pointer to cut the Grayling lead to five, 51-46.

A jumper and a free throw by Hinkle put GHS back up by eight with 4:48 left to play. Oscoda then hit a three-pointer and a shot inside to pull within three, 54-51.

With 3:02 remaining, Hinkle hit two free throws to extend Grayling's lead to five. At the 2:06 mark Oscoda hit a bucket, cutting the GHS lead back to three.

Fritz and Hawkins each hit one of two free throws on trips to the line to put Grayling up five.

On the free throw miss by Hawkins, Gorski grabbed the rebound and was immediately fouled. He missed the one and one chance, and Oscoda got the rebound.

Oscoda scored on the possession, got the ball back, and scored a tip-in on a missed three-point try. Grayling then led by one point with 35 seconds left.

Oscoda fouled Tobin on the resulting GHS possession. On the bonus opportunity, Tobin hit one of two shots to put GHS up by two.

The Owls had a chance to tie or

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GHS center Joe Fritz battles for a rebound down low against Oscoda.

Boys ski team now 6-0 in conference

► Viking boys beat Farwell and Rosco at Silver Ridge to stay unbeaten in league

The skiers on the GHS boys team extended their league win streak to 17 consecutive meets, with victories over Farwell and Roscommon last Tuesday.

The Viking boys defeated host Farwell 29-52 and Roscommon 25-58. The top skier for Grayling was Matt Ginther, who placed 1st and 2nd in slalom and took two 1st places in giant slalom (GS).

Ray Trudeon placed 2nd and 3rd in slalom and 3rd in both GS races. Paul Jansen placed 4th and 5th in slalom and 5th in both GS races. Keil Clough placed 8th in the slaloms and 7th and 8th in the GS races.

The GHS boys took six of the first seven places in slalom and GS against Roscommon and six of the first eight places against Farwell.

On Thursday, January 27, the boys will ski against Mt. Pleasant and Harrison at Silver Ridge. Mt. Pleasant is the only team Grayling has not skied against this year, and

the race will be a key factor in determining if the Vikings can repeat as League Champs.

"On paper it looks like a great race. The team that hits waxes right and skis to the best of their abilities will win. We match up real well with them in both slalom and GS," said Coach Mike Wieland.

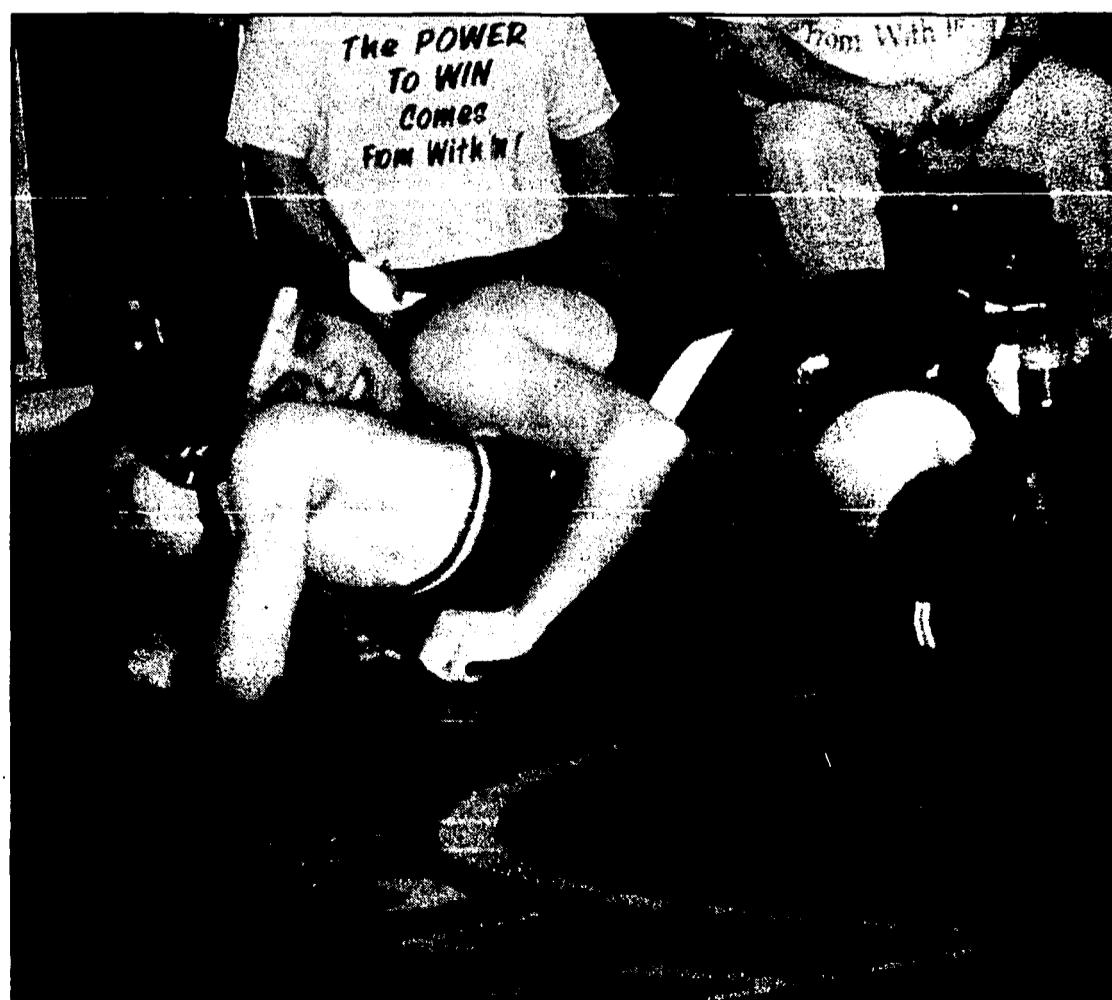
The girls team lost to Farwell 54-24 and to Roscommon 38-35. Grayling tied Roscommon 18-18 in GS and lost the slalom 20-17 despite the fact that only three girls raced.

"We had a girl home sick and another skiing her first race," said Coach Wieland. "The fourth places are counted as one point more than the number of girls entered in the race and that was the difference in winning and losing against Roscommon."

Top skier for the girls was Kelly Jansen, who placed 1st and 4th in GS and 2nd and 4th in slalom. Andrea Alvarez placed 2nd and 5th in GS and 3rd and 5th in slalom. Lesley Gilbert in her first races placed 8th and 7th in GS and 6th and 9th in slalom.

On Monday, January 31, the Viking skiers will compete in the Boyne Mountain Invitational ski meet.

GHS wrestlers beat Ogemaw, Oscoda



(Left) GHS wrestler Matt Evon competes at the Ithaca tournament, which the Viking team wrestled in this past Saturday. The team took seventh out of 18 teams; Evon finished first in the 125-pound weight class for GHS.

Also last week, the Vikings wrestled against Oscoda and West Branch Ogemaw Heights, at West Branch.

Grayling outscored both teams, with several Vikings racking up points with pins. For results of the meet at West Branch and the Ithaca tourney, see Page 4B.

Freshmen Vikings win in OT

► Kaiser's 3-point shot ties game late in 4th, Vikes pull out overtime win

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Grayling's freshmen basketball team overcame an 11-point fourth quarter deficit to force overtime against the Saginaw Valley Lutheran Chargers last Thursday, and then went on to win the game 41-39 in the extra period.

The GHS team, which has only seven players, turned in a gutsy performance. The Vikings were behind for most of the game, but did well keeping the contest within reach.

The low-scoring first period set the tone for the game, as both teams played scrappy, aggressive defense.

Saginaw had better success shooting from the floor, and led the Vikings 9-6 after one quarter.

Grayling's six points came from a jumper by James Kenney, a half-court drive by Chris Wakeley, and a jump shot by Caleb Mead.

The Vikings opened the second quarter with a five-point unanswered streak to take an 11-9 lead. The run included points by Kenney, James Lawrence, and Adam Kaiser.

Grayling didn't score again in the half, however, and SVL put in 10 points before halftime to lead GHS 19-11.

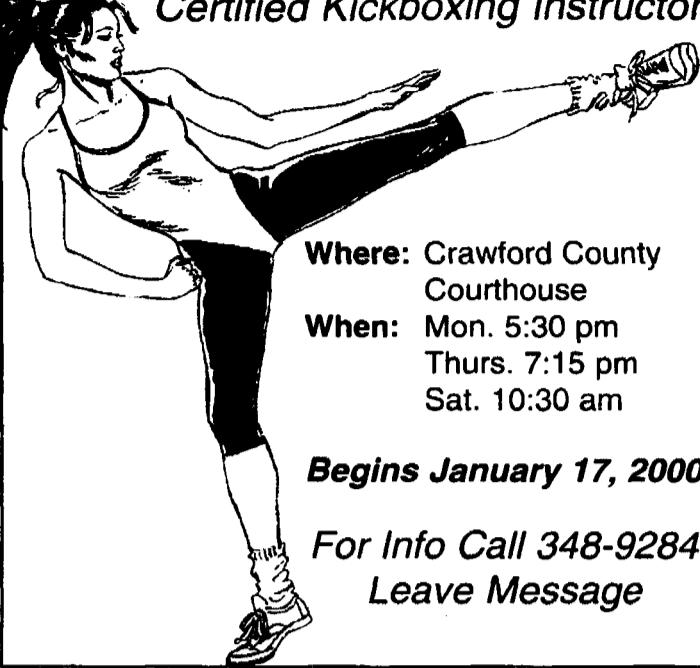
The Vikings played solid defense and did a good job on the defensive glass until late in the half, as Saginaw scored seven points in the last two minutes of the second quarter.

Grayling opened the second half with a 5-0 run, scoring points on a drive and a free throw by Wakeley, and a shot inside by Kenney on an in-bounds pass by Wakeley.

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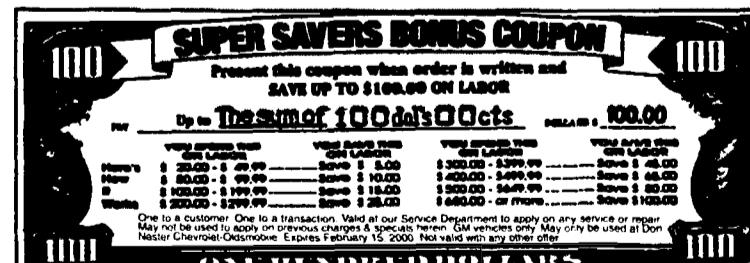
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move ahead on their next trip down the court, but couldn't convert. Hinkle grabbed the rebound on an Oscoda miss and was fouled at the 0:06 mark.

Hinkle made the most of the bonus chance, hitting both free throws to more or less put the game out of reach for the visiting Owls.

With Grayling up four and only six seconds left, Oscoda tried a three and a jumper on the miss, but couldn't get either to fall.

Grayling held on for the four-point win, 61-57. Hinkle was the GHS high scorer with 24. Hawkins added 14 points, and brought down 10 boards. Fritz and Hinkle each had eight rebounds.

"Our kids played with a great deal of intensity at the defensive end of the court," said Coach Rich Moffit. "There were several players who played well defensively. Eli Tobin did a great job on Oscoda's top player. Joe Fritz was a factor in the paint for us."

ALSO LAST WEEK. the Vikings hosted Gaylord on Tuesday, January 18. The game was close all the way through, and the Blue Devils ended up winning the game on a last second half-court shot.

After a rough first quarter for the Vikings, Gaylord led 19-15. The Devils extended their lead to as much as nine early in the second period, then the Viking offense started to heat up.

Grayling went on a 14-1 run, taking the lead.

Two shots by Hawkins, three of three free throws by Tobin, two free throws and a put-back by Burkett, and a three-pointer by Hinkle put Grayling up 35-29.

Gaylord pulled within four with a basket, then Burkett scored inside on a dish by Hinkle to put Grayling back up by four with 1:16 remaining in the half. The Blue Devils hit a three-pointer at the halftime buzzer to cut the Viking lead to one, 35-34.

The third quarter resulted in a 51-51 stalemate. Grayling got four points from Hawkins, four from

Gorski and one opportunity, but missed the second. Gaylord then scored a basket with 53 seconds left to tie the game at 73-73.

Grayling ran some time off the clock, then called a time-out at the 0:39 mark.

The Vikings then ran the clock out for the last shot. With time running out, Tobin dribbled to the baseline and hit a jumper to put Grayling up 75-73.

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With three seconds showing, Gaylord got the ball in, squared up from outside the half-court line and let it fly as the buzzer sounded. The shot hit nothing but net, stunning the Grayling team and crowd. Gaylord won 76-75.

Hinkle was the top scorer for Grayling with 21. Hawkins scored 15, and Tobin added 10. Hawkins led in rebounds with nine. Gorski returned to action after an ankle injury, led the team in scoring with 25 points.

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Viking forward Dave Hawkins goes up for a shot inside against Oscoda.

Hinkle, three from Gorski, one from Knapp, and two each from Tobin and Brad Wilson in the eight-minute period.

Gorski opened the fourth with a triple. Gaylord hit two buckets, the Hinkle scored five on two free throws and a three-pointer. After a Gaylord basket, Gorski scored a tip-in on a pass by Hinkle. The Blue Devils hit two more buckets, then Gorski scored on a drive. The Devils hit two of four free throws and a two-point basket to lead 65-63 with four minutes left.

Wilson tied the game with a lay-up on a fast break. Hinkle drained a three-pointer after a Gaylord bucket to put the Vikings up one. The Devils then hit for two to retake the lead, then Hinkle picked up a loose ball and scored underneath to give Grayling the one-point edge.

Gaylord took the lead at 1:42 with a basket inside. At the 1:25 mark, Grayling answered with a put-back by Hinkle.

With 1:17 left, Hawkins grabbed the rebound on a Blue Devil three-point try, and was fouled.

Hawkins hit the first of the one

and one opportunity, but missed the second. Gaylord then scored a basket with 53 seconds left to tie the game at 73-73.

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The Spartans tied the contest late in the game and went on to beat the Vikings in overtime.

Tobin hit a three-pointer with two

seconds left in regulation to give the Vikes an 86-85 lead. Pinconning then threw a full court pass that went out of bounds at 1.4 seconds remaining. Grayling's resulting possession ended on a turnover on the in-bounds pass.

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The Spartans won by two points in the second overtime period, 92-90.

Hawkins and Tobin both finished

the game with double-doubles.

Hawkins scored 10 points and

grabbed 13 rebounds. Tobin had 23

points and 10 assists. Hinkle, return-

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JV Vikes defeat Devils, Spartans

► GHS team wins three straight; loses to strong Oscoda squad on Friday

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The GHS JV basketball team beat Gaylord last week and Pinconning the week before to post a three-game winning streak (the first of the three being at Tawas on January 7), but were unable to contain a potent Oscoda inside game this past Friday, losing to the Owls 59-41 in Grayling.

At Pinconning, the Vikings outscored the Spartans 62-52. Larry Baynham was the GHS high scorer with 19 points. R.J. Schmidt hit for 14 points, Wes Fox scored 11, and Nick D'Amour added nine. Dan Mead, Ryan Swope and Mike Hale also scored for Grayling.

"We had a very good team effort," said Coach Butch Hayes. "We had balanced scoring and very good team defense."

Against Gaylord last Tuesday, the Vikings led after a half, then fell behind, and came back to win a hard-fought match against the Gaylord Blue Devils in Grayling by a final score of 48-47.

Grayling opened the game with strong defense in the first quarter. Gaylord did not get many shots, but capitalized on their opportunities by shooting well from the floor.

The Vikings led 19-11 after one period.

Both teams scored 11 points in the second eight minutes to leave the lead at eight for Grayling going into the locker room at halftime.

The Vikings did not have a good third quarter. The offense struggled, managing only five points in the eight minutes. Gaylord hit for 15 points to take the lead, 37-35.

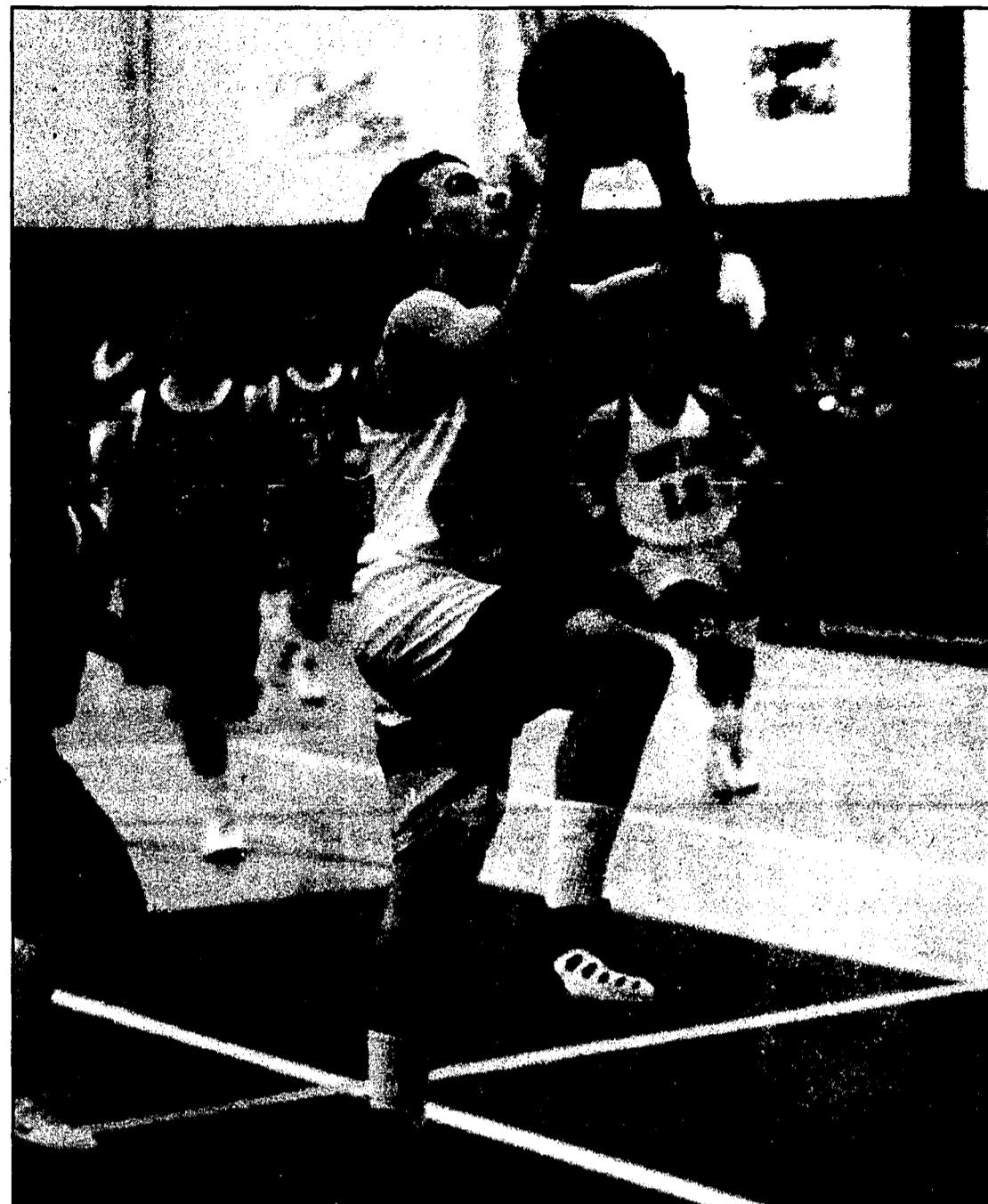
The Blue Devils opened the fourth quarter with two free throws. Schmidt brought Grayling back within two points with a pair from the free throw line.

Grayling hit two from the stripe, then Grayling went on a 9-0 run, including a move to the basket by Mead, a three-pointer and two free throws by Scott Latusek, and a shot inside by Baynham.

Grayling led by five (46-41) with under three minutes to go. Gaylord then hit two straight buckets to cut the Viking lead to one, 46-45.



Larry Baynham takes a jumper from the corner.



Nick D'Amour goes up for a lay-up in the game against Oscoda last Friday.

With 55 seconds left, Baynham scored a bucket on a dish by Fox following a steal at mid-court.

Gaylord answered with a jumper to put the Grayling lead back at one.

The Devils got a steal on the next Viking possession, tried a three-pointer, but missed. Baynham snagged the rebound, and was quickly fouled.

With seven seconds left, Baynham missed the first of the one and one opportunity. The Blue Devils got the ball and moved into the offensive zone, but their last shot bounced off the rim to the floor as time ran out.

Grayling hung on to win 48-47.

"We played very well as a team," said Coach Hayes. "We played three quarters very aggressive. Right now, we are making very good court decisions. This was a huge win for us, especially as a confidence builder."

The scoring was once again well-distributed. D'Amour scored 12, Schmidt 11, Baynham nine, and Mead and Latusek each put in eight.

Grayling did not fare as well against Oscoda last Friday, as the Vikings fell to the visiting Owls 59-41.

The Vikings got into a hole early, as the Owls outscored GHS 16-6 in the first eight minutes, due mainly to Oscoda's strong inside presence. Grayling did not shoot well, and turnovers cost the Vikings several opportunities at the offensive end.

Grayling came out with much more intensity in the second quarter, playing harder on both ends of the court. The results reflected on the scoreboard, as Grayling led 26-25 at halftime.

The Vikings outscored Oscoda 13-2 in the first four minutes of the second quarter to take their first lead of the game. Oscoda scored a basket, then a half-hook by Mead returned the one-point edge to Grayling.

The Owls then scored five straight points to lead by four. GHS ended the half with a three-pointer

by Swope and a jumper by Hale.

Up one, the Vikings proceeded to have a disastrous third quarter. GHS did not score a point the entire eight minutes, including an 0/4 performance at the line. Oscoda continued to put up points in the paint. The Owls led 36-26 heading into the fourth quarter.

The Vikings had to gamble on defense to try and get back in the game, but for the most part Oscoda handled the pressure and got easy baskets inside, extending the Owl lead. Oscoda also shot well at the line down the stretch.

"We started slow, then picked up the intensity before half," Coach Hayes said. "The third quarter killed us. We could not get any points on the board. We needed to attack harder."

Baynham, Hale, and D'Amour were the GHS high scorers.

The JV team is now 5-5 on the season.

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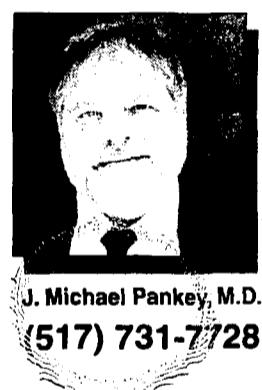
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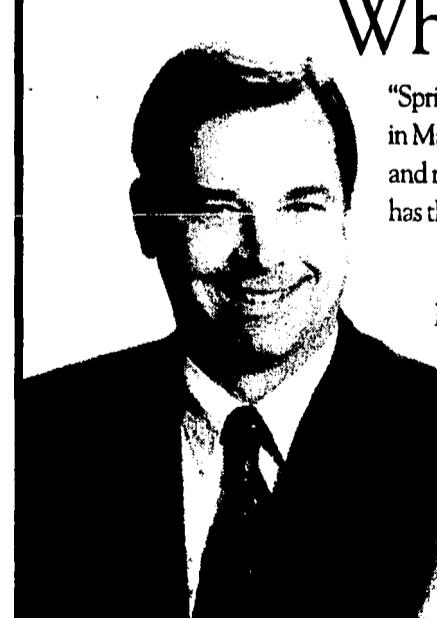
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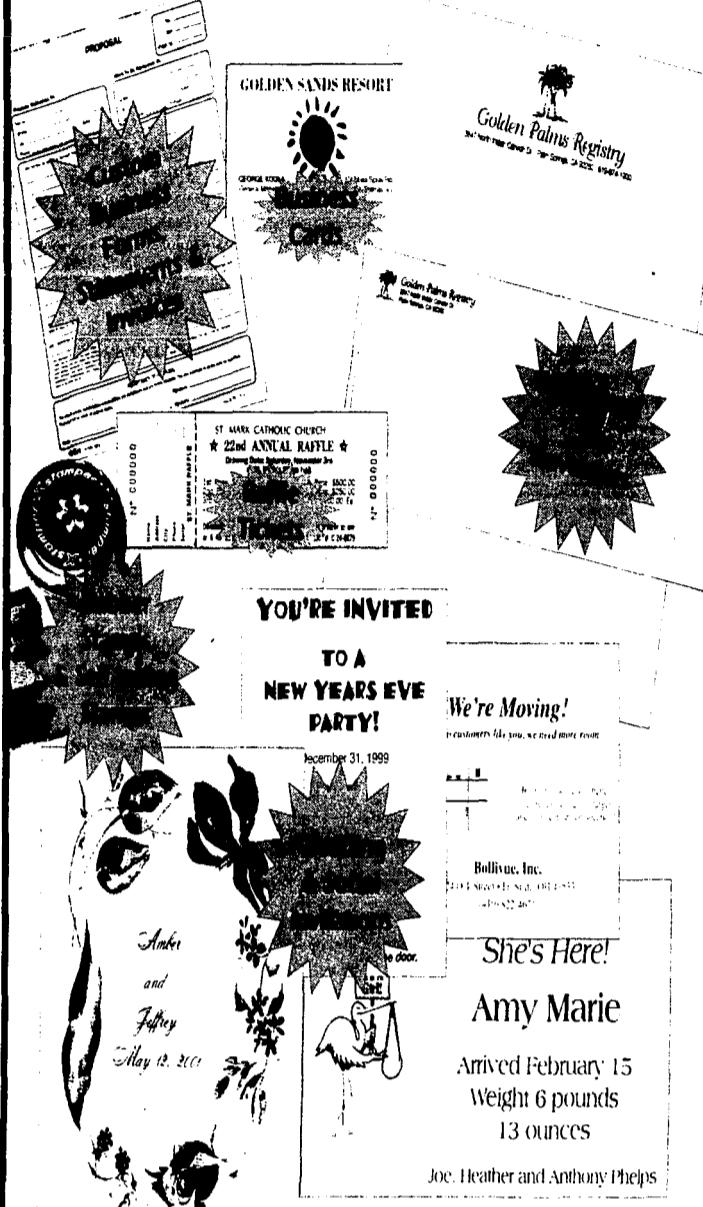
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LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS Grayling Township Board Regular Meeting January 12, 2000

Members Present: Janice Annis, Monica Ashton, Tom Hall, Terry Wright. Members Absent: Ruth O'Mara.

Others Present: Tanya Helsel, Cameron McClain, Wayne A. Nelson, Nancy Kirby, Joe Fritz, Lynnette Corlew, Tim Coe, Mike Gerrard, Curt Marshall.

Supervisor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Annis, second by Hall, to approve minutes of December 8, 1999, as presented. Ayes: four; Nays: none; Absent: one, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report for December 1999 was read by the Supervisor and placed on file.

Correspondence: (No action required) E-911 Activities Report 11-99; Crawford Co. Board of Commissioners minutes, 9-15, 10-14, 10-18, 10-20, 10-25, 11-17, 1999, Chamber News 1-2000. International Computer Consultants letter RE: Computer Supervisor's office.

No citizens present that wished to speak regarding items not on the agenda.

BUSINESS:

- Grayling Township Fiscal Year 1998-99 Annual Audit Report is on file. Anyone that

has questions may direct them to Monica Ashton or a review meeting can be scheduled with the Auditor.

2. Motion by Ashton, second by Annis, to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to adopt the following amendment to Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance 92-2 (Reference Planning Comm. Case 99-1). The amendment follows and will be known as Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance 2000-01(00-01).

The following described property is hereby rezoned from Recreational Forest (R-F) to General Commercial (C-1): A parcel of land on part of the NE 1/4 of Section 30, T27N, R3W, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as commencing at the NE corner of said Section 30; thence S00D 28'00" W 1022.45 ft; thence S54D 45'00" W 904.81 ft to the Point of Beginning; thence S35D 14-20'E 634.51 ft; thence S00D 28'00" W 173.96 ft along the East line of said Section 30; thence N89D 59'45" W 425.11 ft; thence N35D 14-20'E W 530.37 ft; thence N54D 45'00" E 448.71 ft to the point of beginning. Also known as Parcel "B". Property Code: 20-040-44-030-04-02-00.

Location: Hartwick Pines Road.

VOTE: Ashton: aye; Annis: aye; Hall: aye; Wright: aye; O'Mara: absent. Motion carried.

3. The Burnham & Flower Agency, which administers the Township's pension plan has submitted a proposal for employee group life insurance. Motion by Annis, second by Hall, that if a life insurance package with equal or better coverage with a lesser premium than we currently pay can be purchased from Burnham & Flower, the clerk is authorized to

GHS wrestlers beat Ogemaw, Oscoda

► Team takes 7th out of 18 teams at Ithaca tournament

The GHS wrestling team took seventh place out of 18 teams at the Ithaca tournament this past Saturday. The tourney featured schools from all over Michigan.

On an individual level, Matt Evon (125 lbs) took the only first place medal for Grayling. Also placing well for the Vikings were: Josh Niederer (130), 3rd place; Chris Peters (171), 4th place; Marianne Vollmer (112), 4th place; Andy Palmer (119), 5th place; Victor CdeBaca (189), 5th place.

Last Thursday, the Vikings defeated teams from West Branch, Ogemaw Heights and Oscoda at West Branch.

The Vikings outscored Oscoda 65-22. Scoring points for GHS were: Scott Bearss (103), 6 points, bye; Vollmer (112), 6, pin; Palmer (119), 6, pin; Evon (125), 6, bye; Niederer (130), 6, pin; Shawn Weatherly (135), 6, bye; Jesse Gildner (140), 5, 19-4 decision; Ben Sartin (145), 6, bye; Larry Baker (171), 6, pin; Peters (171), 6, pin; CdeBaca (189), 6, bye.

In a much closer battle, the Vikings edged Ogemaw Heights 41-



Medal winners for GHS at the Ithaca tournament were: (left to right) Andy Palmer, Victor CdeBaca, Marianne Vollmer, Matt Evon, Chris Peters, and Josh Niederer.

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Earning points for Grayling were: Evon (125), 5, 17-0 decision;

Niederer (130), 6, bye; Weatherly (145), 6, bye; Gildner (140), 6, pin; Baker (152), 6, bye; Marc Weaver

(160), 6, pin; Peters (171), 6, pin.

This Saturday, the Vikings will compete in the Gaylord Invitational.

Freshmen basketball team wins in OT

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Saginaw scored one of two free throws at the 3:12 mark to go up four, 20-16. A short shot off the glass by Kaiser pulled GHS within two, 20-18.

SVL started to heat up near the end of the third quarter. The Chargers scored two straight buckets, then Wakeley answered with a three-pointer for GHS. SVL finished the period with four more points.

The Chargers led by seven going into the fourth quarter, 28-21.

SVL scored the first four points of the fourth period to go up by 11, 32-21, Saginaw's largest lead of the game.

After a Viking time-out, Kaiser hit a three-pointer and Lance Harmer scored a free throw to pull Grayling within seven.

A Saginaw three-point play put the SVL lead back to 10, 35-25.

With 3:37 left on the clock,

Grayling held Saginaw scoreless for the rest of the quarter, and chipped away at the Charger lead.

Jumpers by Wakeley and Kaiser cut the SVL lead to five. With less than minute left, Wakeley scored on a nice move to the basket on an assist by Kaiser.

With 0:36 remaining, Saginaw missed both shots on a free throw opportunity, got the rebound, and missed a shot from just outside the line. Mead grabbed the rebound, and Kaiser was fouled on the possession.

He missed the one and one opportunity at the line, and Saginaw grabbed the rebound and called a time-out.

With 24 seconds left, the Chargers got the ball in bounds but turned it over with a travelling violation in the face of solid defensive pressure by the Vikes.

Kaiser then hit the shot of the game for GHS, a three-pointer with 15 seconds left to tie the game at 35-35.

Saginaw's next possession ended in another travelling violation. With five seconds left, the Vikings had a chance, but couldn't move the ball into the offensive zone. The game would be decided in overtime.

The Chargers scored the first point of the four-minute OT period on a free throw. Wakeley hit one of two free throws at the 3:18 mark to tie the match at 36-36.

For about the next two minutes, neither team scored a point. Then, on a long pass by Kaiser, Mead scored a bucket underneath to give GHS a 38-36 lead.

Saginaw pulled within one with a free throw, then Wakeley drove coast to coast for a score to put GHS up three, 40-37.

Saginaw's shots weren't falling, and Mead grabbed another important rebound. Grayling's resulting possession ended in a foul to Kaiser. He hit one of two from the line with 33 seconds left to put GHS up by four, 41-37.

The Chargers scored a bucket at the 0:21 mark, but Grayling killed the rest of the clock with a few controlled passes and good ball-handling by Kaiser.

Kaiser, who played well at the guard position all game, led the Vikings in scoring with 14 points. Wakeley scored 11 points, and also put in a good defensive effort.

Kenney and Lawrence played hard down low the entire game. Kenney scored nine points.

The team will head to West Branch on Thursday, January 27. The Vikings will host Gladwin on Monday, January 31.

ROAD COMMISSIONER VACANCY

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are presently accepting applications for two vacant positions on the Road Commission for Crawford County through Thursday, February 3rd, 2000 @ 4:00 pm. Applicants are required to be county residents and a registered voter. The board is ultimately responsible for budget, policy and decision making. The board has responsibility for administering a major aspect of Road Commission affairs, such as public safety, health and welfare, and charged with ultimate responsibility for the operation of the Road Commission. Applications can be obtained and submitted to County Clerk Sandra Moore at the Crawford County Courthouse 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
January 14, 2000

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Industrial Development Committee will be hosting a Public Hearing on January 27, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at Grayling Township Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to receive public comments on the proposed future industrial and commercial development of property currently state owned in Sections 20, 29, 32 & 33; T26N, R3W of Grayling Township.

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GMS 8th graders start out 3-2

► Vikings defeat Rosco twice, HL once; lose 2 close games to WB Surline

The GMS 8th grade basketball (green) team opened the season 3-2, beating Houghton Lake, and Roscommon (two times), but losing two close games to West Branch Surline.

The Vikings opened the season with a home loss to West Branch 34-32, as the Patriots scored a last second bucket to win the game.

"The team played well and fought hard," said Coach Craig Hofman. "It was a disappointing loss, especially since we had a lot of chances to pull ahead, but the effort was outstanding for the first game."

Andy Strohpaul led the scoring with 10 points. Joe Lange and Roy Czapek each scored six, and Tyler Knapp scored five.

The Vikings rebounded nicely in their second game, defeating Houghton Lake by 20 points, 41-21.

"The team played well," said Coach Hofman.

Chad Helsel and Greg Morrill

each had 11 points. Strohpaul scored eight, and Sean Kelly scored five points. Lange added four.

The Vikings then traveled to West Branch. GMS lost 40-36.

"We did not play well at all," said Hofman, "but the team showed a ton of heart and effort. They came back from 15 points down in the fourth, and were down only two points with 12 seconds left. A great effort not to give up."

Czapek was the GMS high scorer with 13 points.

The Vikings came back with a 46-34 win at Roscommon.

"We came out strong in the first half but did not play as well in the second," said Coach Hofman. "Tyler Knapp played great defense and helped control the offense. Chad Helsel and Joe Lange had good offensive games with 12 points each."

"Sean Kelly had a nice defensive game," added Hofman. "Sean did a great job of rebounding and stopping the bigger post players."

On January 12, the Vikings hosted Roscommon, beating the Bucks by a substantial margin. The final score was 57-15.

"This was their best game all-

around," said Coach Hofman. "The defensive effort allowed the offense to operate."

Lange had a big game, posting a double-double with 16 points and 16 rebounds. Helsel added 15 points, and "did an outstanding defensive job," Hofman said.

Knapp again controlled the pace of the game and had nine points. Czapek scored eight.

Morrill played well on the defensive end, forcing several turnovers. He also added six points and six rebounds to the GMS effort.

"We need to keep playing defense like we did. They played smart and aggressive," Hofman said.

Coach Hofman said the team is progressing well this year.

"The best thing offensively is that the scoring is spread out. A team can not focus on one or two players because everyone has the ability to score," he said. "I was concerned about our defensive effort at times, but after several practices the team seems to be coming more aggressive. They also understand when to be aggressive and when to stay back."

The team's next games will be in the Houghton Lake Tournament.

Branch Surline. Joe Zelek put in a good all-around showing for Grayling, scoring nine points and bringing down six rebounds.

The Vikings came back with a win over Houghton Lake, winning by five points, 33-28. Zelek scored 14 points in the GMS victory, and had nine rebounds and five assists. Will Pittman, Philip Armstrong and Chris Riggs also had strong games, and Brandon Frisbie and Steve

Stilson played well on defense.

The Vikings next lost a close game to West Branch Surline, 32-29. GMS put up a decent showing but couldn't pull out the win. Grayling high scorers were Zelek with 11, Riggs with eight, and Pittman at seven.

Grayling's next game resulted in a 37-28 loss to Roscommon at Rosco. GMS high scorer was Zelek with 10. Armstrong added seven, and

Pittman scored four.

After the cancellation of a match with Kalkaska, the Vikings played Roscommon a second time. The Bucks won the match 48-29, as Grayling had a tough night defensively. On offense, Pittman scored 10 points for GMS. Zelek added nine, and grabbed nine boards. Armstrong scored seven points.

Grayling's next match will be in the Houghton Lake Tournament.

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Grayling's next match will be in the Houghton Lake Tournament.

After that, the 7th grade team will compete in the Houghton Lake Tournament and Roscommon Tournament in February.

Helped with the win," Hartman said.

Tobin had another great game on offense, scoring 25 points for GMS.

Hinkle, Swope, Davis, and Schmidt also scored for the Vikings in the contest.

The Vikings will play at home against Gaylord on Wednesday, January 26.

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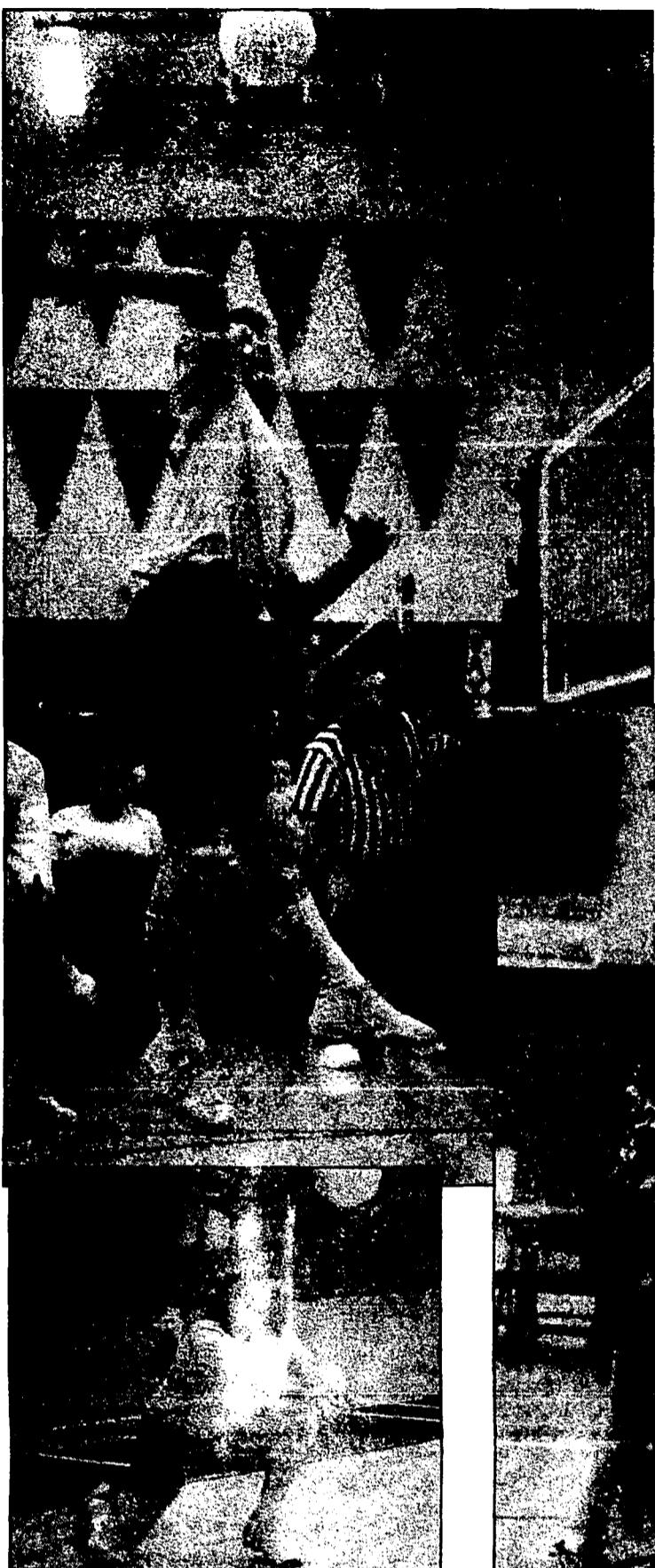
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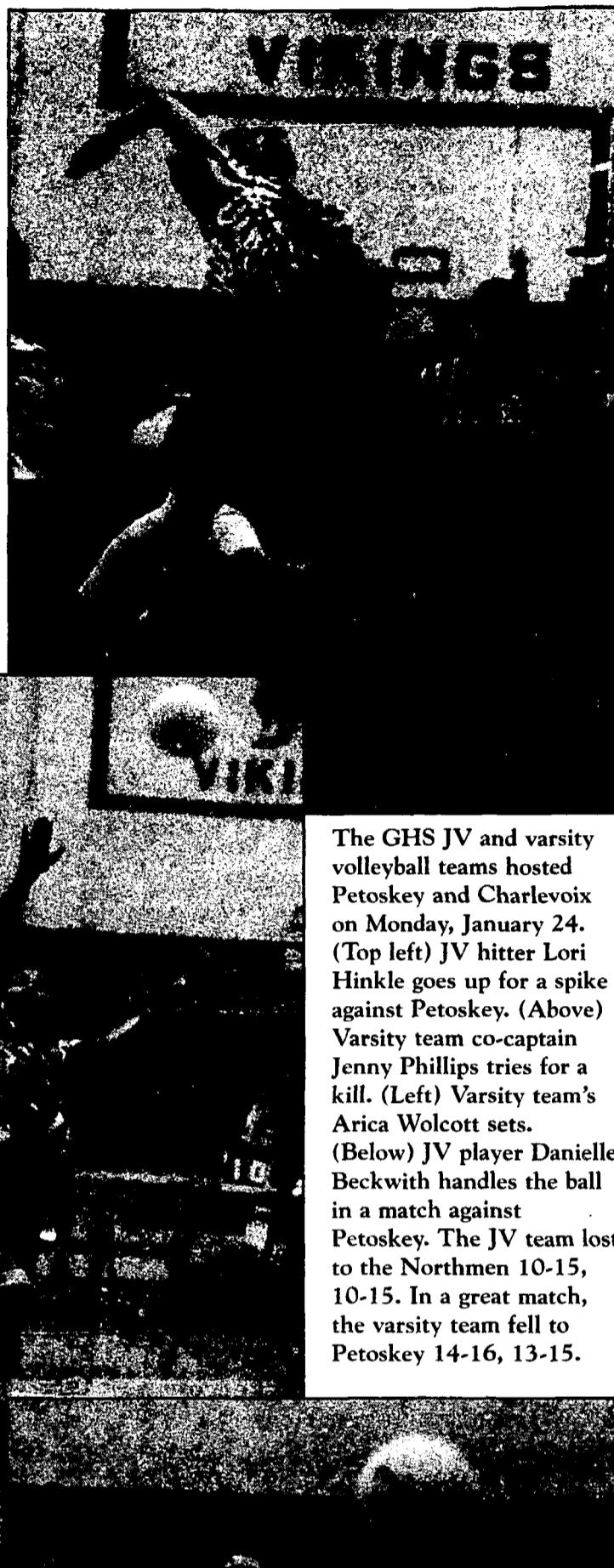
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JV, varsity V-ball teams host matches



(Above) JV player Jamie Dent goes low to handle a Petoskey serve.



The GHS JV and varsity volleyball teams hosted Petoskey and Charlevoix on Monday, January 24. (Top left) JV hitter Lori Hinkle goes up for a spike against Petoskey. (Above) Varsity team co-captain Jenny Phillips tries for a kill. (Left) Varsity team's Arica Wolcott sets. (Below) JV player Danielle Beckwith handles the ball in a match against Petoskey. The JV team lost to the Northmen 10-15, 10-15. In a great match, the varsity team fell to Petoskey 14-16, 13-15.

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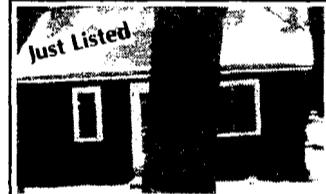
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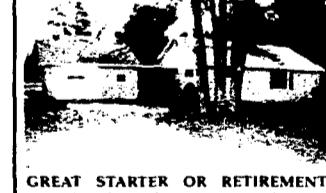
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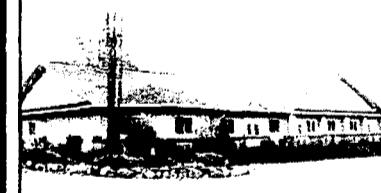


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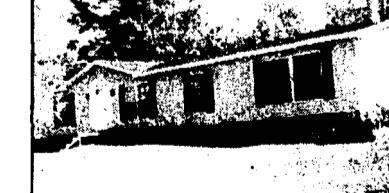
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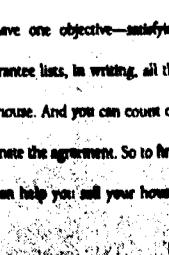
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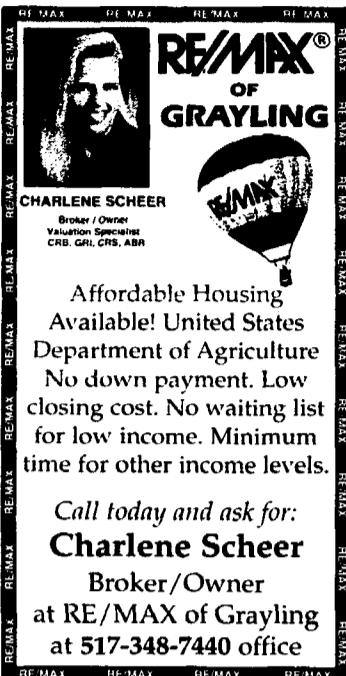
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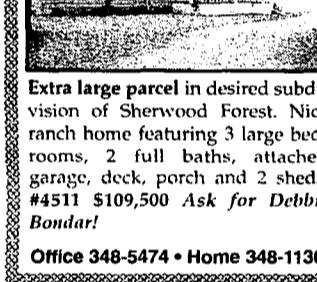
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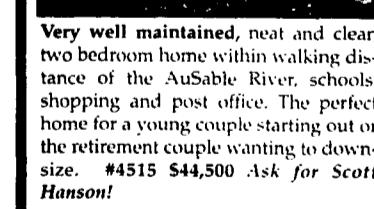
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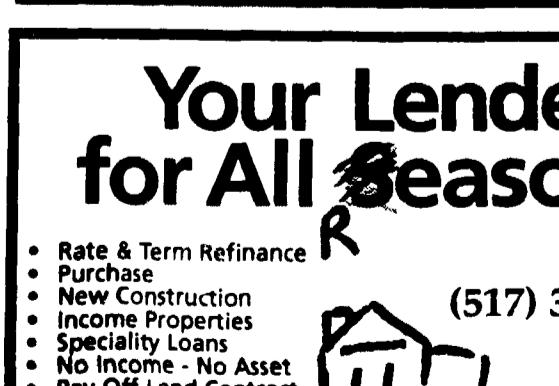
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